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とことんマイペースを貫く湯神くんにラブレターが！

もちろんそこは湯神くんです。

相手の気持ちなんてお構いなしです。

誤解が誤解を生んで、事態はとんでもない事に!!

大人気に戸惑いつつも突き進むお一人様コメディー

迷走のデート編！そして困惑の野球編！

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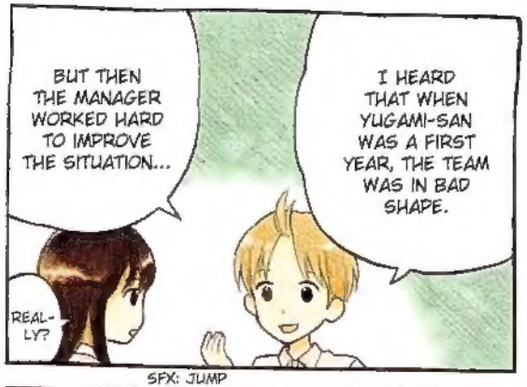
BUT THEN THE MANAGER WORKED HARD TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION...
I HEARD THAT WHEN YUGAMI-SAN WAS A FIRST YEAR, THE TEAM WAS IN BAD SHAPE.
REAL-LY?

SFX: JUMP

STOP RIGHT THERE!!
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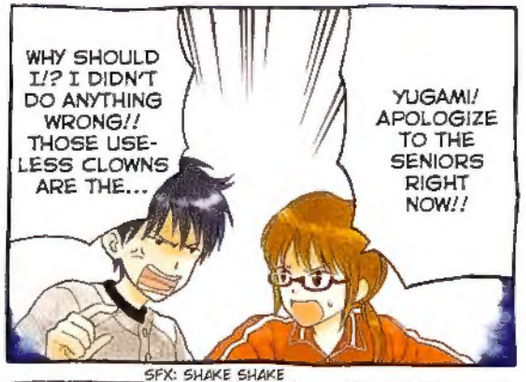
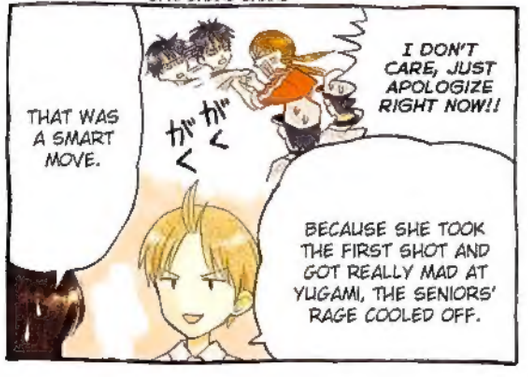
YOU IDIOT !!
THE MANAGER WENT STRAIGHT IN TO STOP YUGAMI-SAN FROM GETTING INTO AN ARGUMENT...
GET OUT OF MY WAY, KUZUMI!
Last year's third year member



SFX: SHAKE SHAKE


I DON'T CARE, JUST APOLOGIZE RIGHT NOW!!
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THAT WAS A SMART MOVE.
BECAUSE SHE TOOK THE FIRST SHOT AND GOT REALLY MAD AT YUGAMI, THE SENIORS' RAGE COOLED OFF.

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He does not have any friends.

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THESE TWO STILL CONTINUED TEXTING EACH OTHER.
EVEN AFTER THE INCIDENT WITH YUGAMI-KUN,
HANG ON, COULD THIS BE HER WAY OF EXACTING REVENGE AGAINST ME BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED...?
A-ANOTHER TEXT FROM FUJISAWA-SAN...? I MUST TEXT HER BACK IMMEDIATELY...
AFTER THAT THING WITH YUGAMI-KUN, HE'D FEEL BAD IF I IGNORED HIM...
I GOT ANOTHER TEXT MESSAGE FROM KADOTA-KUN... I'VE GOT TO REPLY RIGHT AWAY.
PLEASE MAKE THIS THE LAST ONE!! I'M BEGGING YOU, STOP!!
I'm soooo sorry
I SHOULDN'T RUN AWAY FROM THIS! I HAVE TO FACE HIM DIRECTLY!! SEND!!
WOW, THEY'RE TRAPPED IN A DOWNWARD SPIRAL WHERE NOBODY CAN BE HAPPY...
SFX: JOLT
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BIZZZ BIZZZ
BIZZZ BIZZZ

YUGAMI-KUN NI HA TOMODACHI GA INAI VOLUME 2

SAKURA JUN

YUGAMI-KUN NI WA TOMODACHI GA INAI
CHARACTERS
INTRODUCTION

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KUZUMI-SAN

THE MANAGER OF THE BASEBALL CLUB.
SHE'S YUGAMI-KUN AND CHIHIRO'S CLASSMATE.
SHE ALSO THINKS THAT YUGAMI-KUN IS BOTHERSOME.

Kuzumi san

HAYASHIYAMA

A SECOND YEAR STUDENT, THE ACE OF AMAGI BASEBALL CLUB.
HE'S HELD A GRUDGE SINCE YUGAMI-KUN TOOK HIS POSITION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
HOWEVER, YUGAMI-KUN DOESN'T REMEMBER THE INCIDENT.

Hayashiyama

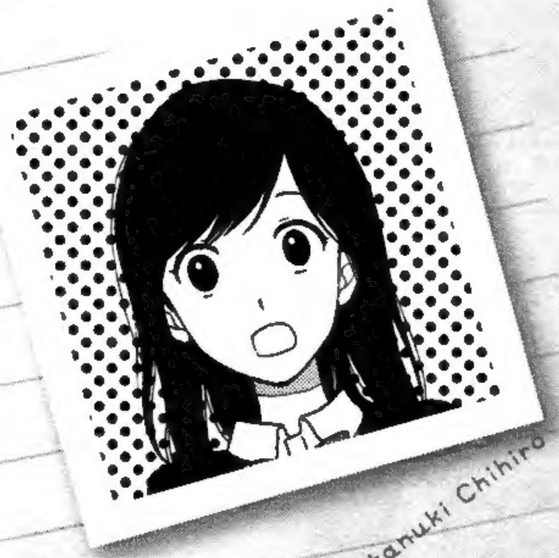
YUGAMI YUJI

A BOY WHO ENJOYS HIS OWN COMPANY.
HE'S ACTUALLY THE ACE OF THE BASEBALL CLUB.
HIS CLASSMATES SEEM TO THINK THAT HE'S A PAIN...

Yugami Yuji

WATANUKI CHIHIRO

A TRANSFER STUDENT WHO WANTS TO HAVE CLOSE FRIENDS.
SHE THINKS THAT YUGAMI-KUN IS BOTHERSOME.

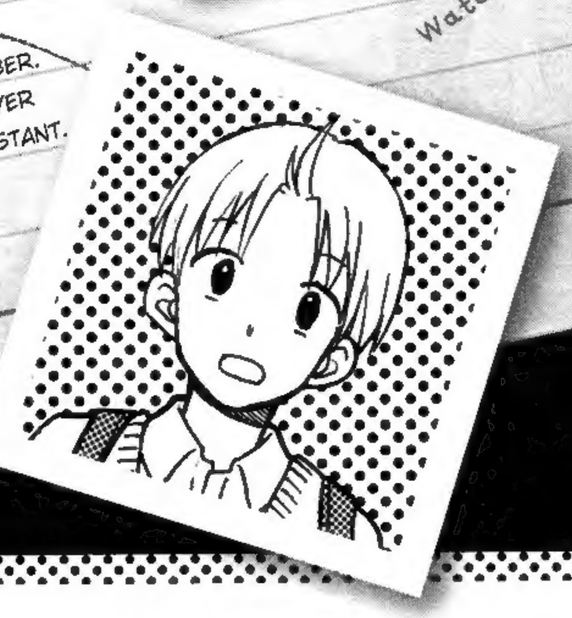


Watanuki Chihiro

KADOTA

A FIRST YEAR BASEBALL CLUB MEMBER.
HE WAS TAKEN AS A REGULAR PLAYER SOLELY TO BE YUGAMI-KUN'S ASSISTANT.
HE'S KNOWN YUGAMI-KUN SINCE LITTLE LEAGUE.

Kadota



THE STORY SO FAR

YUGAMI-KUN, WHO SITS NEXT TO THE NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, WATANUKI CHIHIRO, IS A TROUBLESOME CHARACTER. DESPITE BEING THE ACE OF THE BASEBALL CLUB, HE DOESN'T FIT IN WELL IN HIS CLASS, AND HE HAS NO CLOSE FRIENDS. EVEN SO, HE ENJOYS BEING ALONE. SINCE YUGAMI-KUN ONCE HELPED CHIHIRO AND NOW OFTEN MAKES FUN OF HER, SHE GOT DRAGGED INTO HIS SELF-CENTERED PACE. THAT TROUBLESOME GUY HAS JUST RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER...

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A LOVE...

LETTER...!?

SFX: SMIRK

SFX: SHIVERING

HUH? NO...

HEY, HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER?

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MAN, HE SO ANNOYING!!

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT...?

SFX: CLOSED DOOR

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SFX: LOCK

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THAT GUY... IS HE EVEN INTERESTED IN LOVE AND STUFF LIKE THAT!?

...BUT A LOVE LETTER, HUH...?

CHP 6. × YUGAMI-KUN DOESN'T REPLY

KUZUMI,

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HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER?

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SFX: SMIRK

SFX: WALKING

SFX: SMIRK

OF COURSE I HAVE! TWICE!

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED A LOVE LETTER?

KADOTA.

WHY WOULD YOU ASK ME THAT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING!? I'M BUSY, YOU KNOW!!

WHAT!?

THE GIRL WHO LIKED ME WAS THERE WITH A BUNCH OF HER GIRL FRIENDS.

I WAS THEN FORCED TO ACCEPT THAT WE BOTH LIKED EACH OTHER.

Of course, we broke up when we changed classes.

WHEN I WAS IN THE FIFTH GRADE, I WAS CALLED OUT WITH A LETTER... SO I WENT THERE.

TWICE!?

DURING FIFTH GRADE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND DURING MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH.

BUT WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME ABOUT LOVE LETTERS, YUGAMI-SAN?

DON'T TELL ME YOU GOT ONE!?

.....

THE SECOND TIME WAS IN MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A PRANK PULLED BY MY FRIENDS.

I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD MEMORIES OF THEM.

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YOU GUYS! STOP BABBLING ABOUT PER-SONAL STUFF!

.....

JUST TELL ME, YUGAMI-SAN!

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SFX: YAWN

AH, GOOD MORN-ING.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER!

Hey there.

GOOD MORN-ING, GUYS!

BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU TWO CHAT-TING OUT HERE?

HE'S DONE SOME-THING AGAIN, HUH...?

YESTERDAY WAS SUCH A SHOCK... WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT YUGAMI WAS SUCH A RAKUGO FAN...

I'LL MAKE SURE I NEVER LISTEN TO ANY RAKUGO STORIES!

THANKS FOR WORRY-ING ABOUT ME.

WELL... ACTUALLY...

.....

MAYBE SOMEONE REALLY DID CONFESS TO HIM...?

SO HE REALLY IS INTERESTED IN IT...

THAT MUST BE IT. JUST LOOK AT HIM...

HE ASKED ALL OF US, BUT HE WOULDN'T TELL US ANYTHING HIMSELF!

WHAT!? HE ASKED EVERYBODY ABOUT THAT!?

SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.

SFX: SIGH

I JUST WISH HE'D CONSIDER THE TIMING. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF GAME SEASON NOW...

OH WELL, WHATEVER WORKS FOR HIM.

IF YUGAMI-SAN GETS A GIRLFRIEND, I'LL BE SO PISSED OFF!!

BUT THAT'S HOW HE ALWAYS IS, RIGHT?

HOW WAS IT!? I TOLD YOU, HEIRAKU'S STORIES ARE JUST AMAZING!

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GOOD MORN...

SFX: SNAP

YUGAMI-KUN.

カリカリ

SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

THERE ARE LOTS OF PROB-LEMS HERE.

ABOUT THAT... I'M ACTUALLY BRAINSTORMING RIGHT NOW.

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SFX: TWIRL TWIRL

HM? ERR...

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SAVE IT, YUGAMI-KUN. WHAT ABOUT THE LOVE LETTER YOU RECEIVED YESTERDAY?

SFX: WHISPER

THE SECOND PROB-LEM!

Didn't I say you should keep it simple?

THERE ARE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES IF YOU FACTOR IN EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW!

I'D BE A LAUGH-ING STOCK!

THE FIRST PROBLEM IS IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A PRANK.

Could be a pretty girl

I get called out

Not a trick!

Worst case

The guys hiding behind the bushes suddenly jump out

My humiliation is spread on the internet

Tell her my email address

→ privacy leak

Possible suspects

Counter measure

Letter?

A girl

Classmate

elaborate research of fairytale style

SORRY, SENDER... I WON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS...

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SEEING IS BELIEVING!

WHAT!? THAT'S A VIOLA-TION...

HERE...

YOU'LL GET THE POINT BETTER IF YOU READ THIS.

Yugami-kun, you are the kindest and warmest person I've ever known.

You are a wonderful guy

I know of your true personality

Dear Yugami-kun,

I know this is out of the blue, but you are my ideal guy

SHOCKED

I think you're someone with a beautiful heart.

Yugamu-kun, you are different than the other boys.

You were a knight in shining armor who saved my life.

Do you remember what happened during the Sports Festival?

IS THAT THE WRITER HAS A LETHAL MISCONCEP-TION OF MY PERSONALITY!!

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT WE CAN'T OVERLOOK HERE

Yugami-kun, you are di
think you're someone with a beau
I'd like you to go out wi
My email address is no
Eijiseiha R.10

ANYWAY, YOU GET THE POINT.

has an angel descended to Earth!?

THIS GIRL... WHO THE HECK IS SHE TALKING ABOUT!?

IF I CAN'T REMEMBER, THEN IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN SOMETHING SMALL, MEANING THAT SHE MUST HAVE GLORIFIED SOMETHING MEANINGLESS OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO COME TO THIS CONCLUSION. THIS GIRL IS TERRIFYING!!

I DON'T REMEM-BER!!

SO... WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL?

I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT I WILL NOT REPLY TO HER!!

THAT'S WHY...

THE END RESULT IS TRAG-EDY!!

YOU SHATTERED MY DREAMS!

IF YOU TRY TO TALK TO A DELU-SIONAL GIRL DROWNED IN HER FANTASY...

YOU'RE DIFFERENT THAN I'D IMAG-INED...

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE THIS KIND OF GUY!

IF YOU LEAVE HER HANGING, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE ON WITH HER FEELINGS!

AT LEAST GIVE HER AN ANSWER

I'M NOT BEING MEAN! I'VE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT THIS, AND THAT'S THE DECISION I'VE MADE!!

AND AREN'T YOU BEING MEAN!?

BUT THAT WON'T SOLVE THE PROB-LEM!!

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SFX: SMACK

SFX: FLINCH

NO!

YOU'RE DISMISSED.

THERE'S NO POINT IN LISTENING TO SOMEONE WHO'S NEVER RECEIVED OR SENT ANY LETTERS!

WHAT!? WELL, NO. I HAVEN'T DONE THAT...

HEY... HAVE YOU SENT A LOVE LETTER BEFORE?

BUT I REALLY THINK THAT IF YOU SHOWED HER EVEN A TINY BIT OF KINDNESS AND SINCERITY,

SHE WOULD DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT!

WHATEVER, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! IT'S YOUR LIFE ANYWAY!!

GEEZ, YOU JUST LIKE BEING CONTRARY!

SFX: DOZING

SFX: SNORE

YOU'RE A REGULAR, THANKS TO HIM, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ONLY A FIRST YEAR STUDENT!!

KADOTA, YOU SHOULD WARN HIM TOO!

SO TRAIN HIM WELL!!

IWAKI-SENPAI, PLEASE BE MORE GENTLE WITH HIM!!

JUST BECAUSE YOU UNDER-STOOD THE GAME WELL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SLACK OFF!

YUGAMI!! HOW DARE YOU FALL ASLEEP!

HEY. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, YUGAMI-SAN? YOUR EYES HAVE TURNED INTO THOSE OF A PANDA.

WHY IS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT LIKE ME TRAINING A SECOND YEAR LIKE YUGAMI-SAN...?

I WAS TROUBLED BY THE CONTENT OF THE LETTER...

I COULDN'T SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT...

WHY NOT? YOUR MOTTO IS TO EAT, SLEEP AND DEFECATE WELL, RIGHT?

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WHAT LETTER?

LETTER?

SFX: POKE POKE

NOW YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.

I'VE REJECTED HER PROPERLY.

WELL, I'M GLAD THAT THE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED...

IT'S NOTHING...

WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT WAS THAT?

SFX: HALT

AND SO, A FEW DAYS PASSED

AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED.

SFX: BHAM

NICE PITCHING, YUGAMI!!

SFX: SWISH

GRIN

THAT'S OUR ACE!!

YOU'VE GOT YOUR FULL SWING BACK.

YEAH!!

WITH THIS, WE'RE NOW ONE STEP CLOSER TO KOSHIEN!!

T/L NOTE. KOSHIEN IS A JAPANESE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SFX: HANGING ABOUT

TIME TO GO HOME ...

SFX: WHOA!!

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WHAT'S THAT GIRL DOING...?

SFX: PACE PACE

HUH!?

HEY,

CAN I HAVE A MINUTE?

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SFX: RATTLE RATTLE

WHAT DOES SHE WANT TO TALK ABOUT...? AND WHY ARE WE HEADING TO A SECLUDED PLACE...?

HALT

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THE GIRL WHO SENT YUGAMI-KUN THE LOVE LETTER!?

dear 湯神くん

FUJISAWA...
RIO...?
ISN'T SHE...

I'M SORRY FOR ASKING YOU HERE SO SUDDENLY LIKE THIS.

I'M FUJISAWA RIO, FROM CLASS 2-D.

WHAT!? DID HE REALLY SAY THAT!?

HE DID. CLEARLY. ALBEIT IN A TEXT MESSAGE.

YUGAMI-KUN SAID THAT YOU TWO ARE VERY GOOD CLASS-MATES, SO...

WHY WOULD A PRETTY GIRL LIKE HER FALL FOR YUGAMI-KUN...?

WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT MEETING ON OUR DAY OFF, HE STOPPED REPLYING TO ME.

Yugami

I'm sure it will be fu

Right It would be nice to meet up some time

How about meeting me this Sunday?

YES... BUT NOW...

YOU'RE TEXTING EACH OTHER!?

PRACTICE WON'T END UNTIL IT GETS DARK.

WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM DIRECTLY?

NO, NOTHING AT ALL... IN FACT, I ONLY JUST FOUND OUT THAT YOU ARE TEXTING EACH OTHER...

WATANUKI-SAN, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS...?

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I JUST CAN'T MUSTER THE COURAGE TO TALK TO HIM.

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I'M AFRAID THAT HE'D GET ANNOYED WITH ME.

BUT... HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO REPLY TO MY MESSAGE, SO I SHOULDN'T PUSH HIM...

THE NEXT DAY

WOULD YOU!?

IN... IN THAT CASE, SHALL I ASK HIM TO REPLY TO YOUR TEXT MESSAGE?

THAT HAS NEVER HAP-PENED!!

THIS IS AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM THAN BEFORE! ANYWAY, ABOUT ME SENDING MESSAGES TO FUJISAWA RIO...

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SAY WHAT!?

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SHE WAS REJECTED PROPERLY, DECI-SIVELY, CLEARLY, AND DIRECTLY, BY YOU PERSONALLY?

I DID REJECT HER PROP-ERLY!

BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY.

SO DOES THIS MEAN THAT FUJISAWA RIO WAS LYING ABOUT IT...?

BY KADOTA ...

SHE WAS... REJECTED...

KADOTA-KUN!? WHAT'S KADOTA-KUN GOT TO DO WITH ALL OF THIS!?

SFX: SCRATCH SCRATH

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TELL ME, YUGAMI-KUN!

SFX: HMM... HMM....

JUST WRITE WHATEVER YOU WANT.
YOU'RE STILL WORKING ON THE REPLY TO THAT LETTER...?
YUGAMI-SAN...
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SFX: CLICK CLICK

IF I CAN'T DO THAT...
IF I CAN'T DO THAT, THEN WHAT MEANING DOES MY LIFE HAVE!?
I HAVE TO REJECT HER WHILE CORRECT-ING HER FALSE IMAGE OF ME...
BUT THIS GIRL HAS A FIELD OF FLOWERS IN HER HEAD. SHE LIVES IN HER OWN FANTASY LAND!!
I WOULD HAVE DONE SO ALREADY IF IT HAD BEEN A NORMAL LETTER.
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YOU'RE TOO BLUNT WHEN DEALING WITH GIRLS.

YUGAMI-SAN, THIS IS NOT YOUR STRONG POINT, RIGHT?

!?

THEN... HOW ABOUT I WRITE IT FOR YOU?

YUGAMI-KUN, I'M WAITING FOR AN EXPLANATION!

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IT'S A CATCHER'S DUTY TO SUPPORT THE PITCHER!

GOOD LUCK!

REALLY? THEN GO SAY THAT TO FUJISAWA-SAN DIRECTLY.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

IT'S A CATCHER'S DUTY TO SUPPORT THE PITCHER!

WAS SUMMONED

WHY DO I HAVE TO LISTEN TO ALL OF THIS NOW...?

SO HOW DID IT LEAD TO THE PROMISE OF A DATE?

I THOUGHT REJECTING HER WOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE; AN EASY TASK ENDED QUICKLY.

I JUST WANTED TO HELP YUGAMI-SAN FOCUS ON BASEBALL...

AND THEN...

HERE, YOU SHOULD READ IT YOURSELF.

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HANDING HER THE REPLY LETTER WAS A BIT OF A HASSLE,

SO I PRETENDED TO BE YUGAMI-SAN AND SENT HER AN EMAIL.

HER EMAIL ADDRESS WAS INCLUDED IN THE LOVE LETTER, RIGHT?

BUT I WAS REALLY TOUCHED WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER.

IT GAVE ME COURAGE TO KNOW THAT SOMEBODY LIKES A GUY LIKE ME. THANK YOU.

IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE WATCH MY NEXT GAME.

GOODBYE.

SFX. SCROLL SCROLL

FUJISAWA RIO-SAMA, THIS IS YUGAMI. NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

I'M HAPPY TO KNOW OF YOUR FEELINGS FOR ME, BUT AT THE MOMENT MY MIND IS OCCUPIED WITH THOUGHTS OF BASEBALL.

EVEN IF WE WERE TO GO OUT, I'M AFRAID THAT I WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO SPARE FOR YOU.

SFX. SCROLL SCROLL

SFX. CLICK

IT'S RIO-KUN (^^) THANKS FOR YOUR REPLY. I'M SO HAPPY! I'LL DEFINITELY GO TO SEE YOUR NEXT GAME. ♡

IF YOU'RE ONLY THINKING OF BASEBALL RIGHT NOW, THEN PLEASE THINK OF ME WHEN YOU'RE NOT BUSY WITH BASEBALL ANYMORE.

BY THE WAY, I OFTEN SEE YOU TALKING WITH THE GIRL SITTING NEXT TO YOU. ARE YOU TWO CLOSE FRIENDS!?

P.S. YUGAMI-KUN, WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

FROM RIO.

HELLO. IT'S YUGAMI AGAIN.
SO YOU WILL BE COMING TO SEE MY GAME?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'D BE SO HAPPY IF YOU ALSO BROUGHT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CHEER FOR US.

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY BASEBALL, SO IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU FOUND SOMEONE ELSE...
THE GIRL SITTING NEXT TO ME IS WATANUKI CHIHIRO. SHE'S A VERY CLOSE CLASSMATE OF MINE.
GOODBYE.

P.S. MY HOBBY IS CYCLING.

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THE REAL MESSAGE DIDN'T GET THROUGH TO HER, HUH?

I WANTED TO REJECT HER NICELY... BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE REJECTION WHEN IT WAS DONE THAT WAY...

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND, SO I JUST STOPPED REPLYING TO HER...

THAT'S HOW IT CONTINUED... UNTIL SUDDENLY THE PROSPECT OF MEETING UP ON SUNDAY AROSE.

ANYWAY, WHO CARES ABOUT THAT!?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW!?

WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR HOBBIES ARE, YUGAMI-SAN!

WHY THE HECK DID YOU SAY CYCLING!?

THIS IS NOT MY HOBBY; IT'S YOUR HOBBY!

SFX: CLICK CLICK

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HOWEVER, THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL, THE GUY THROWING HIS PROBLEMS AT OTHER PEOPLE, IS YOU, YUGAMI-KUN!

I KNOW THAT KADOTA HAD A PART IN CREAT-ING THIS MESS.

KADOTA !!

I DIDN'T CREATE THIS MESS!

YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT IT, KADOTA!

SFX: HARSH

HAVE YOU EVER CON-SIDERED THE FEELINGS AND POSI-TIONS OF THOSE SENDING AND RECEIVING LOVE LETTERS!?

THIS GIRL DID WHAT SHE DID BECAUSE OF LOVE!!

WHY DON'T YOU TWO THINK ABOUT THE SENDER'S FEELINGS A LITTLE MORE!?

THE WAY YOU HANDLED THIS PROBLEM IS SO MERCILESS!!

BECAUSE YOU DRAGGED ME INTO THIS!!

HOW IS THIS YOUR PROBLEM?

WHY ARE YOU THE ONE GETTING MAD NOW?

SFX: HEATED

TO FIX THIS MESS ...?

SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO

GUYS ...

I'LL DO IT.

I SEE...

I THINK THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR YUGAMI-KUN AND FUJISAWA-SAN TO MEET AND TALK IT OVER PROPERLY.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR ALREADY ...

THE SOONER THE BETTER, RIGHT?

SFX: TURN AROUND

HEY, YOU'RE GONNA DO IT NOW?

HUH?

FUJISAWA RIO FROM 2-D, RIGHT?

ONCE HE HAS DECIDED ON SOMETHING, HE CAN BE VERY DETER-MINED...

IF ONLY HE'D MADE THIS DECISION FROM THE START. THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP DEALING WITH HIS MESS.

YEAH...

I THINK THAT PART OF HIM IS PRETTY COOL.

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2=D

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SFX: CLATTER

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SFX: DING DONG DANG DONG

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カーン

YUGAMI-KUN IS LATE...

ガタン

YU... YUGAMI-KUN, HOW DID IT GO?

Ah, what shock!

SFX: CLATTER

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SFX: SCUTTLE

DATE...

WE'RE GOING ON A DATE...

HOW COME!?

IT SEEMS LIKE YUGAMI-KUN IS GOING ON A DATE AFTER ALL.

DUNNO ..

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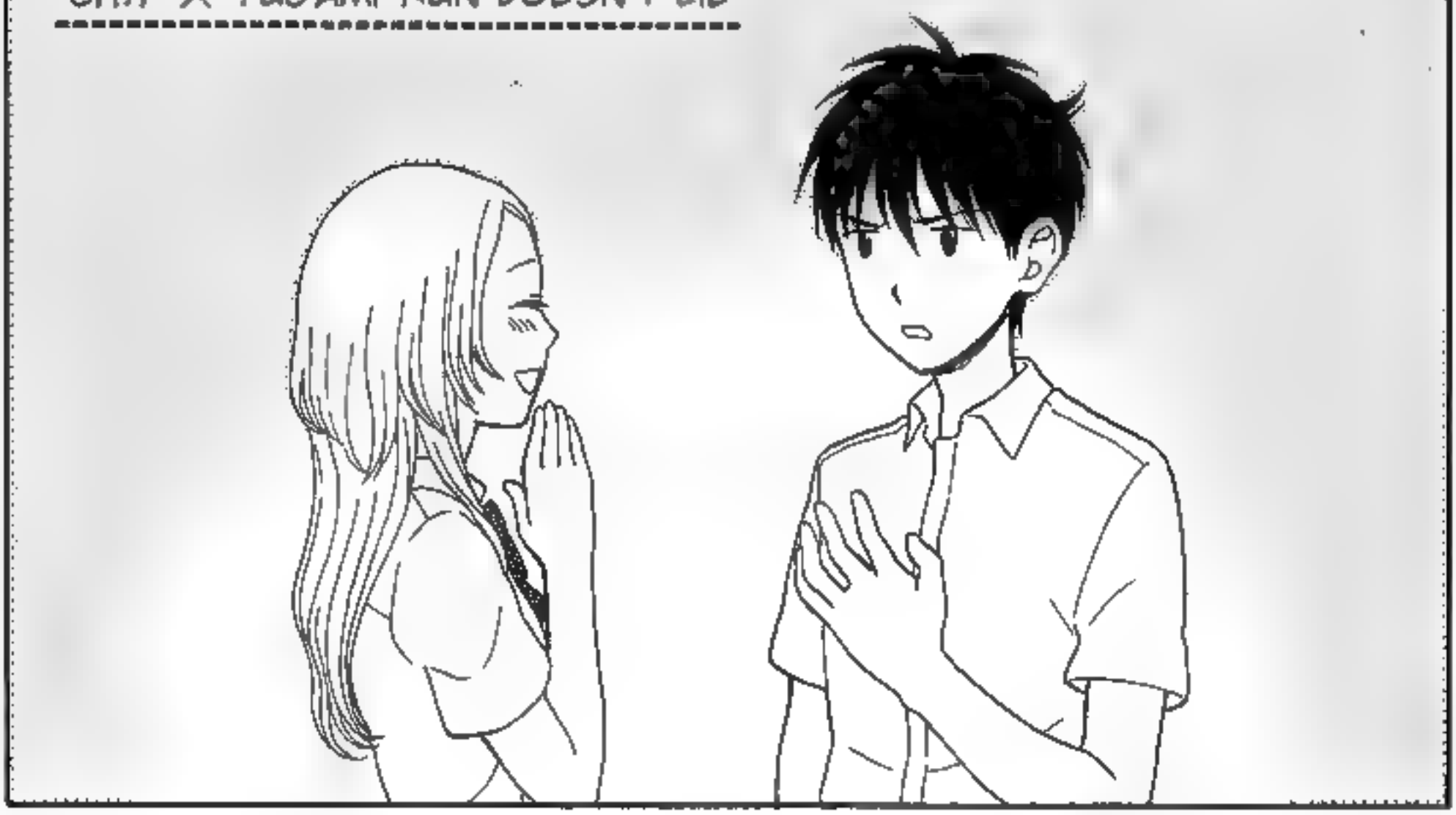

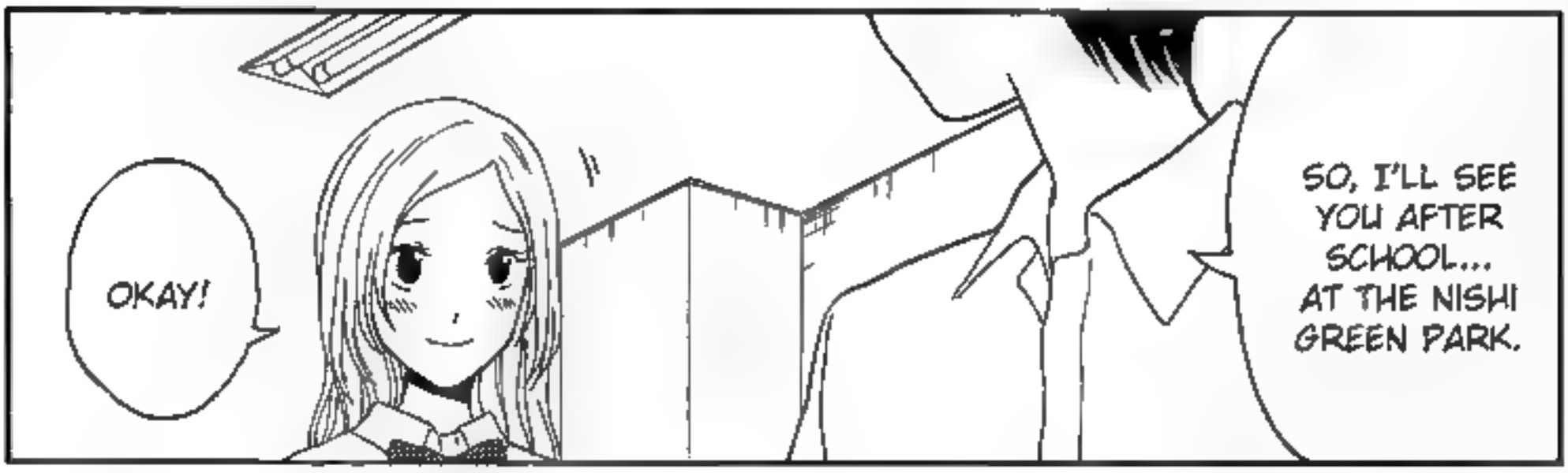
OKAY!
SO, I'LL SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL... AT THE NISHI GREEN PARK.

THIS IS GONNA BE ONE HELL OF A BUSY DAY...
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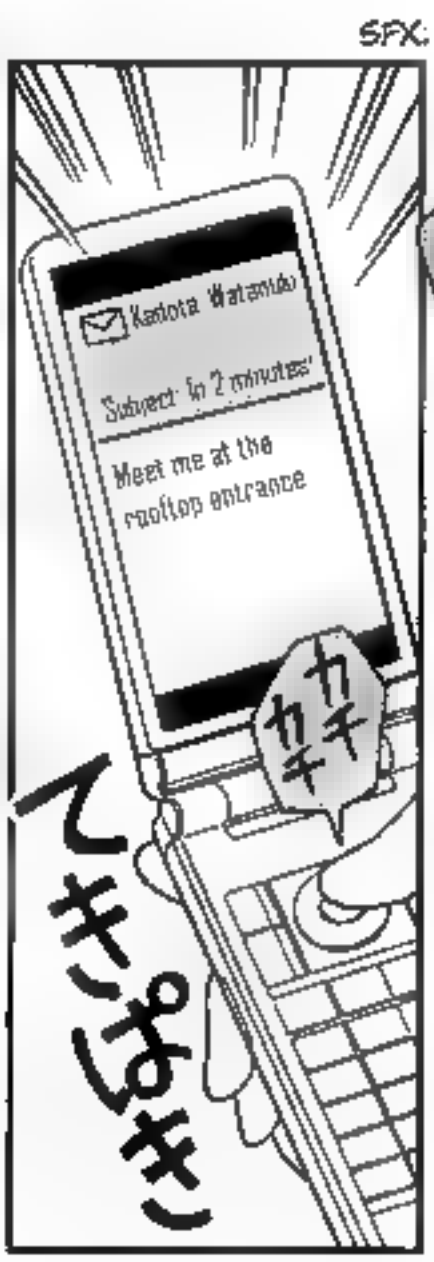
SFX: CLICK
Kantoku 'Watanuki'
Subject: In 2 minutes!
Meet me at the rooftop entrance
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SFX: BRISKLY SFX: CLICK

SFX: RUSHING
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CH.7 × YUGAMI-KUN DOESN'T LIE

WHAT!? YOU'RE GOING ON A DATE TODAY!?

IF I DON'T END THIS QUICKLY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE!

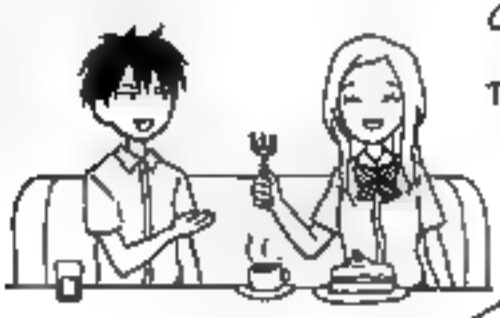
I WANT TO BE IN TOP SHAPE FOR THE GAME.

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M GOING; THERE'S NO PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY.

THE GAME IS TOMOR-ROW!!

START

TALK TIME .. 25 MINUTES
TOTAL BUDGET ... ¥ 1070

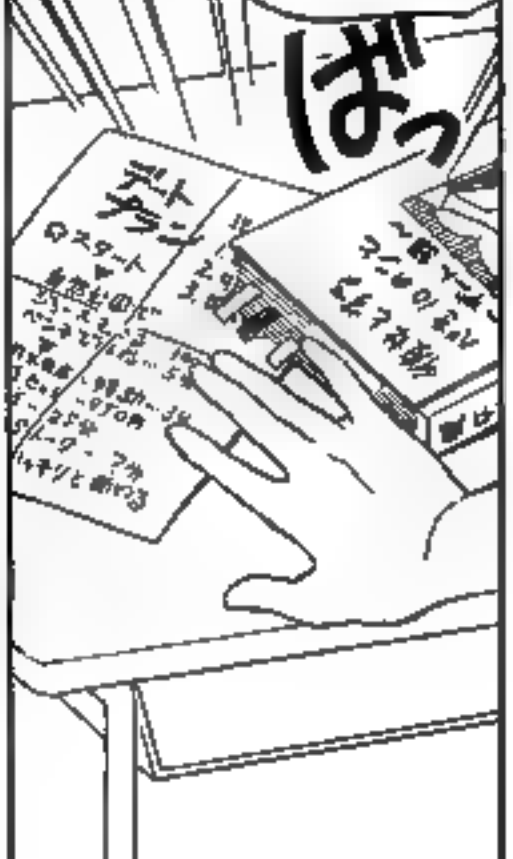


2. MOVE TO A CAFE BUY HER THE CAKE AND TEA SET (¥ 950) AND CHAT

TALK TIME ... 5 MINUTES
BUDGET .. ¥ 120

1. AT THE GREEN PARK TREAT HER TO A CAN OF SODA (¥ 120) AND CHAT ON A BENCH

DON'T WORRY! I'VE DEVISED A FLAWLESS PLAN FOR THE DATE.



HEY, LISTEN. ABOUT THE TOPICS FOR WHEN YOU TWO ARE CHATTING...

TOPICS
- RAKUGO KNOWLEDGE =
- SPORTS =
- PSYCHOLOGY =
- TRAINS =
- PLASTIC MODELS
- INSECTS

YUGAMI-KUN, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE HER HAPPY RATHER THAN SELFISHLY TALKING ABOUT YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE?

OKAY!!

KADOTA, FIND OUT THE DIRECTION OF HER HOUSE FROM FUJISAWA!

IT'LL BE DARK BY THEN, SO I'LL WALK HER HOME.

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WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ACTUALLY GOING OUT WITH HER AFTER THE DATE, YOU KNOW.

She's pretty cute too.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I NEED TO TELL YOU GUYS!?

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE ...

THAT BOOK MIGHT BRING MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

It's satisfying to fulfill your cultural and intellectual curiosities

BUT... THIS BOOK SAYS THAT GIRLS LOVE IT WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS!

BUT HEY, THE POINT OF THIS DATE IS NOT TO PLEASE HER.

THE REAL POINT IS TO END THIS MESS ONCE AND FOR ALL, RIGHT?

IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER.

PEOPLE ARE JUST SELF-CENTERED, I GUESS...

AH, YOU DID SAY THAT, DIDN'T YOU...?

DON'T MAKE ME SAY THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GET IT THROUGH YOUR HEADS!?

IF SHE DOESN'T GET RID OF HER DELUSIONS, THERE'S NO FUTURE FOR US AS A COUPLE...

THE REASON I'M NOT GOING TO DATE FUJI-SAWA RIO IS BECAUSE SHE LIKES THE IDEAL ME IN HER IMAGINATION.

HER IDEAL

MAN, I'M STARV-ING...

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SFX. GROW..

YEAH, SURE!!

KADOTA, YOU DON'T HAVE CLUB PRACTICE TODAY, RIGHT? WANNA GRAB TAKOYAKI?

AFTER SCHOOL

GAH!!

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SFX. BIZZ BIZZ

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AH, OKAY!

CHIHIRO-CHAN, LET'S GO HOME!

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I WONDER IF THINGS ARE GOING WELL FOR YUGAMI-KUN...

SFX: FLIP

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CHIHIRO-SAN, I GOT THIS MESSAGE!! WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

SFX: RUSHING

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OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE!

GREAT!!

Fujisawa Rio

I'm so sorry Sensei wants me to do some-thing first I'll be 15mins late . (><)

YUGAMI-SAN TURNED HIS PHONE OFF. HE DOESN'T WANT FUJISAWA-SAN TO FIND OUT THAT THE MESSAGES ARE ACTUALLY FROM ME, NOT FROM HIM...

YOU MUST FORWARD IT TO YUGAMI-KUN QUICKLY!

SFX: BIZZ

OH NO, SHE SENT ANOTHER ONE!

I GUESS I'VE GOT TO TELL YUGAMI-SAN MYSELF...

WHAT IS IT NOW?

SO MUCH FOR HIS FLAWLESS PLAN. HE MISSED SUCH AN OBVIOUS HOLE.

SFX: ANNOYED

SFX: TAP TAP TAP

HE MUST BE VERY ANNOYED, SINCE FUJISAWA-SAN ISN'T THERE YET.

SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP

GEEZ, I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON...

SFX: FURIOUS

IF THIS AFFECTS THE GAME IN ANY WAY, HE'S GONNA TASTE MY FIST.

HOW COULD HE DO SOMETHING SO FOOLISH RIGHT BEFORE THE GAME!? YUGAMI, THAT IDIOT...

HURRY!

I'LL RUN OVER THERE AND TELL HIM THAT SHE'S GONNA BE LATE.

SFX: SWISH SWISH

SHE'S HERE!

GO AND HIDE! HIDE!

SFX: DASH

HUH?

TURN AROUND

SFX: QUIETLY, TAP TAP TAP

IT'S OKAY ...

I'M... I'M SO SORRY THAT I'M LATE...

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SFX: TAP TAP

THAT GIRL...

HANG ON...

wow she's really cute

THAT LOOKED PRETTY SMOOTH ...

WHY CAN'T HE STOP TAPPING HIS FOOT!?

SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP

IN ONE EAR AND OUT THE OTHER. PEOPLE ARE JUST SELF-CENTERED, I GUESS...

And stop tapping your foot for heaven's sake!

HE DIDN'T LISTEN TO MY ADVICE AT ALL!

IT'S BEEN A LONG, ONE-SIDED CONVERSATION...

SFX: ANNOYED

IN HIS MIND, HE CAN ONLY THINK ABOUT HOW HE CAN COMPLETE HIS PLAN.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE FUJISAWA-SAN HASN'T FINISHED HER DRINK YET. HE'S ANNOYED THAT HE CAN'T PROCEED TO THE NEXT PART OF THE DATE.

HEY, HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S EVEN MORE ANNOYED NOW.

SFX: GROOOOWWWL

ME THREE...

ME TOO...

I wish I'd gone to get the takoyaki instead of doing this

I'M SO HUNGRY RIGHT NOW... I DON'T THINK I CAN WAIT UNTIL I GET HOME...

SFX: SQUEEZE

SFX: GROWL

SIGN: RESTAURANT CUSTO

LET'S GO!

YOU'VE GOT A POINT.

WANNA GRAB A BITE IN THERE? IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE GOTTA WATCH OVER YUGAMI FOREVER.

RIGHT. HE DOESN'T NEED TO REJECT HER RIGHT NOW; THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS ALREADY DOOMED.

And he's so tactless and blunt

BUT I'M SURE HE'LL GET DUMPED SOON ENOUGH. HE JUST DOESN'T LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE. THERE'S ALSO THAT ANNOYING FOOT-TAPPING HABIT OF HIS...

DAMN THAT LUCKY BASTARD!

STILL... WHY WOULD A PRETTY GIRL LIKE HER FALL FOR YUGAMI-SAN?

HE NEVER ASKED TO BE LIKED OR DUMPED. IN A WAY, I ALSO FEEL SORRY FOR YUGAMI-SAN.

THE PRINCE OF HER DREAMS HAS TO BE *THAT GUY*...

I FEEL SORRY FOR FUJI-SAWA-SAN...

AS YOU CAN SEE.

WELCOME TO OUR RESTAU-RANT. A TABLE FOR TWO?

SFX: DING-A-LING

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WHAT!? AH, RIGHT. GOING TO A CAFE WAS PART OF THE PLAN... BUT THIS IS A FAMILY RESTAURANT!

YUGAMI-SAN CAME HERE WITH HER...

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SFX: CLATTER

SFX: BRISKLY, FWIP, SWISH

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EH...?

DO YOU WANT THE TEA AND CAKE SET? MY TREAT.

NO THANKS... HOW ABOUT SHARING SOME SNACKS INSTEAD?

YOU BOUGHT ME THE SODA BEFORE, SO LET'S SPLIT THE BILL THIS TIME.

HUH? OKAY...

20 MINUTES LATER

T/N - THE RANKS OF RAKUGO PERFORMERS FROM BEGINNERS TO MASTERS. FOR MORE DETAILS ASK GOOGLE! ^^

SO, IN THE KYOTO REGION, THE SHIN'UCHI TRADITION NEVER TOOK OFF.

THAT'S WHY THE TITLES ZENZA, FUTATSUME, AND SHIN'UCHI ONLY EXIST IN TOKYO.

OH, RIGHT. DO YOU KNOW WHY YAKUZA NEVER APPEAR IN RAKUGO STORIES?

YUGAMI-KUN, DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN WE FIRST MET?

ERR, EXCUSE ME! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.

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SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER...

IT WAS WHEN WE WERE FIRST-YEARS.

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SFX: AHAHAHA, THAT'S RIGHT!

I STAYED AFTER SCHOOL WITH THE OTHERS FROM THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE BACKDROP BOARDS.

THE DAYS BEFORE THE SPORTS FESTIVAL...

OH NO, THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT COLOR...

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SFX: SIGH

IF YOU'RE TOO FUSSY, WE WON'T MANAGE TO FINISH THEM IN TIME FOR THE SPORTS FESTIVAL!

FUJISA-WA-SAN, WHY ARE YOU MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF THIS?

OTHERWISE THE RESULT WILL DIFFER FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGN.

HEY, COULD YOU PLEASE CHECK THE COLOR ASSIGNMENTS PROPERLY?

SFX: SWISH SWISH

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OF COURSE WE CAN'T FINISH THEM! NOT WITH YOU GUYS CHAT-TING AROUND AND NOT WORKING PROPERLY.

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IF YOU REALLY WANT THEM TO BE PERFECT, THEN JUST DO THEM ALL YOURSELF.

HOW ANNOY-ING.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER.

AND THEN YOU CAME TO THE RESCUE, YUGAMI-KUN.

WAS FOR EVERYONE TO DO IT PROPERLY.

ALL I WANTED ...

EH!? NO WAY...

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FINISH ALL OF THIS ALONE...

LET ME HELP OUT.

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY FINISH THIS ALL BY YOURSELF.

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A FEW DAYS HAD PASSED SINCE THEN.

YOU ALWAYS CAME BEFORE AND AFTER YOUR CLUB PRACTICE, YUGAMI-KUN.

THIS COLOR IS FINE FOR THE WHOLE BOARD, RIGHT?

WHO IS THIS GUY?

EH...?

SFX: SWISH SWISH

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YOU WORKED QUIETLY, AND NO MATTER HOW TIRED YOU WERE, YOU PAINTED THEM CAREFULLY.

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YUGAMI-KUN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR...? AND THOSE SCRAPES...

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SFX: SWISH SWISH

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY I HATE DEALING WITH PEOPLE...

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THEY SAID THAT FIRST-YEARS SHOULDN'T ENTER THE GROUND BEFORE THEM AND THAT WE SHOULD ALL SHAVE OUR HEADS.

MY SENIORS IN THE BASEBALL CLUB CUT IT.

HE'S JUST LIKE ME...

ALL I WANT IS TO DO EVERYTHING PROPERLY.

I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS...

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME BACK THEN.

YEAH, THOSE WERE HIGH QUALITY BACKDROP BOARDS! I TOOK SOME PICTURES WITH MY CELLPHONE. I EVEN GOT THEM PRINTED OUT!

OH, YOU'RE THAT GIRL!

WITH YOUR HELP, THE BACKDROP BOARDS LAST YEAR WERE PERFECT.

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SFX. SNAP

EH? MES-SAG-ES!?

ALSO, THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THOSE MESSAGES.

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THE REAL SENDER

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE VERY BUSY THESE DAYS, AND THAT YOU'RE BASICALLY A LONE WOLF,

SO WHEN I SENT YOU THAT LETTER, I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD JUST IGNORE IT.

I WAS VERY HAPPY WHEN YOU REPLIED.

SO HAPPY THAT I'VE SAVED EVERY MESSAGE YOU SENT ME. UFUFU~

THANK YOU, YUGAMI-KUN!

I AM REALLY, REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

UHM, WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME? I NEED TO GO TO THE LADIES ROOM.

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YUGAMI-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO OUT WITH HER?

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT JOKE? HAAH... SULKING...

DEEP CONCENTRATION MODE

WE DON'T KNOW IF THERE WILL EVER BE ANOTHER GIRL WHO'LL GROW TO LIKE YOU IN THE FUTURE, YUGAMI-SAN...

WHO CARES ABOUT HER IDEALS? AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER FROM NOW ON, IT'S FINE.

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IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HATE HER, SO IT'D BE FINE TO GO OUT WITH EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE!?

YOU... YOU'RE TRYING TO GUILT ME INTO DOING THIS, HUH...?

IF YOU STAY LIKE THIS, FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW YOU'LL BE AN OLD GEEZER WHO'S HATED BY ALL OF THE KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU NEED A GOOD PARTNER, YUGAMI-SAN. YOU CAN'T BE A PROPER ADULT ON YOUR OWN!

So sad.

CAN'T MEET EVERY DAY

Weirdo.

You're different than my ideals.

Blah-Blah-Blah

CRUSH-ING HER ILLU-SIONS

Just don't get you!

Why won't you listen to me!?

INEVI-TABLE FIGHT

YOU ARE GOING OUT WITH FUJISAWA-SAN...

LISTEN TO ME! CLOSE YOUR EYES AND JUST IMAGINE

SHE LIKES YOU, YUGAMI-SAN!

FUJISAWA-SAN OVER-CAME A LOT OF TROUBLE TO TELL YOU THIS...

NOTE: I HATE YOU!

NO, YOU'LL BE OKAY! SHE HASN'T DUMPED YOU YET IN MY IMAGINATION!

SHE'D DUMP ME IN TWO WEEKS...

SFX: PAT

SFX: UFUFU~

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SFX: LOOMING PRESENCE

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

HER AFFECTIONS GROW STRONGER AND... STRONGER...

SHE MIGHT REALLY COME TO LOVE...

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ZZZZ...

SFX: RUNNING

KADOTA-KUN, SINCE YOU'LL BE INVOLVED IN DECEIVING FUJISAWA-SAN THROUGH THE MESSAGES.

THE MORE HER FEELINGS GROW, THE HARDER IT WILL BE FOR YOU.

EH? ME!? WHAT HAVE I DONE NOW?

KADO-TA!!

YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS LIE.

WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO CONTINUE DATING HER OR REJECT HER COMPLETELY,

THEN WE CAN SOLVE THIS BY TELLING HER THAT YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! PLEASE DO IT!!

YOU FOOL.

GEEZ, I WARNED YOU ABOUT THIS!

YEAH, NO WORRIES. LEAVE IT TO ME!

YUGAMI-SAN, JUST TELL HER A WHITE LIE. YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT!?

YOU'RE RIGHT!!

I'M SURE SHE'D BE VERY HURT IF SHE FOUND OUT THE TRUTH.

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SFX: DING-A-LING

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THANK YOU FOR COMING.

THIS? IT'S NOT MUSIC. I'VE GOT RAKUGO HERE.

YUGAMI-KUN, WHAT KIND OF MUSIC HAVE YOU GOT THERE?

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OH, I'VE MOVED PAST THE CYCLING STAGE IN MY HEART.

OUT OF RAKUGO AND CYCLING, WHICH DO YOU LIKE MORE?

RAKUGO IS MORE WIDESPREAD. IT'S NOT JUST CHEAP SLAPSTICK LAUGHS;

IT PAINTS A VIVID PICTURE OF SOMEONE'S LIFE.

THAT'S JUST ONE KIND OF COMEDY.

I SOME-HOW FEEL GUILTY ABOUT LAUGHING AT OTHER PEOPLE AND HAVING FUN WITH IT.

ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY LIKE COMEDY STUFF.

LET'S SEE... LIKE THE STORY OF SHIBAHAMA.

REALLY? HOW SO?

SHE LIED TO HER HUSBAND AND SAID: "IT WAS JUST A DREAM!"

HIS WIFE, WHO THOUGHT THE MONEY WOULD RUIN HER HUSBAND EVEN MORE, HID THE MONEY.

THERE WAS A LAZY, USELESS DRUNKARD WHO PICKED UP A BUNCH OF COINS.

HERE'S A QUICK SUM-MARY...

IS THAT WISE?

SHE ALSO RETURNED THE MONEY.

FEELING GUILTY FOR LYING TO HIM, THE WIFE THEN CAME CLEAN.

HE WORKED SO HARD THAT HE EVEN ACQUIRED HIS OWN SHOP.

AFTER THAT, THE HUSBAND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SOBER UP AND STARTED WORKING AGAIN.

SFX: UFUFU~

YES, THAT'S A NICE STORY.

AND HE SAID: "BETTER NOT, DEAR. LEST I DREAM AGAIN."

AFTER A LONG TIME, HIS WIFE OFFERED HIM A DRINK,

YEAH, THE MAN WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO HIS WIFE.

RIGHT. IT'S GETTING DARK OUT HERE... HM?

We've got a game tomorrow.

TIME TO GO HOME.

IT SHOULD BE OKAY TO LEAVE NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?

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SFX: STAND UP

WHAT ...!?

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WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?

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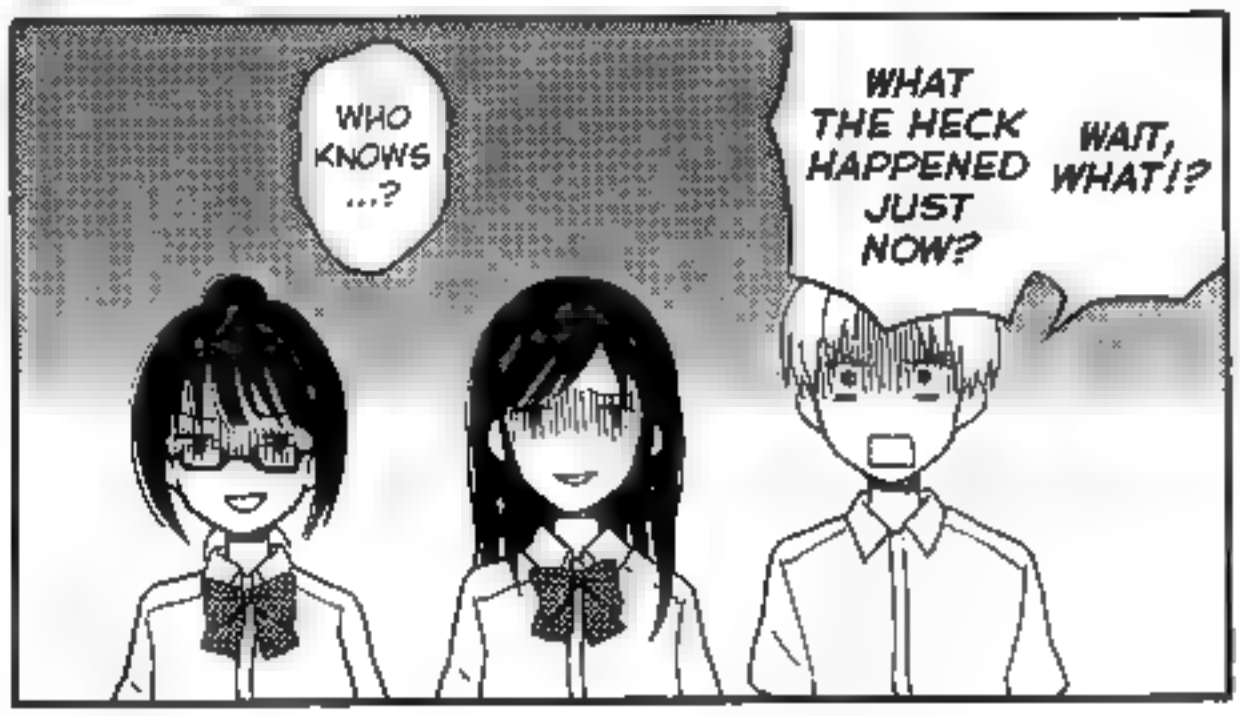

I TOLD HER EVERY-THING.

WHAT HAP-PENED TO THE WHITE LIE!?

GUYS ...

YUGAMI-SAN, WHAT HAPPE-NED!?

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LIES AND DECEIT CAN NEVER BE GOOD! I SHALL NEVER BETRAY THE MORAL OF SHIBAHAMA!!

IF OTHERS TREAT YOU SINCERELY, YOU SHOULD RETURN THAT SINCERITY!!

THE SHIBA-HAMA STORY OPENED MY EYES!!

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU REALIZED THAT, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT FROM THE START!! JUST NOW WAS PROBABLY THE WORST POSSIBLE TIME TO TELL HER THE TRUTH!!

SFX: DASH

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Got it!

Yugami-kun, go that way!!

SHE TOLD ME NOT TO FOLLOW HER.

YOU STILL HAVE TO FIND HER!!

WHY AREN'T YOU CHAS-ING AFTER FUJISAWA-SAN!?

YEAH...

I REMEMBERED WHEN I HEARD HER STORY AT THE FAMILY RESTAURANT.

ACTUALLY, I KIND OF MET HER BEFORE.

REALLY?

WH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW? EVEN IF WE GO AFTER FUJISAWA-SAN, WE'VE NEVER REALLY MET HER BEFORE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY IF WE FIND HER.

Are you alright?

Why are you crying?

SFX: LOOKING AROUND

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SFX: TAP TAP

ARE YOU OKAY? SHALL WE GO SOME-WHERE ELSE?

WATA-NUKI-SAN...

EXCUSE ME...

HIS TEXT MESSAGES WERE SO GENTLE, AND HE SEEMED SO APPRO-ACHABLE...

BUT IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE...

HIC... I THOUGHT IT WAS A BIT WEIRD.

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WHAT? NO WAY! NOT AT ALL!!

YOU TOO, WATANUKI-SAN. YOU MUST HAVE MADE FUN OF ME, RIGHT?

Whoa they're making a scene

BUT I HEARD FROM YUGAMI-KUN.

IS SPENDING TIME WITH ME SO BORING!?

ALL HE TALKED ABOUT WAS THAT RAKUGO STUFF! AND WHAT'S WITH THE FOOT-TAPPING!?

SFX: WAAAAAAAA!

WHY DID HE REVEAL THAT MUCH!?

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THERE !!

THE ORGA-NIZER?

I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT FOUR-EYES IS THERE WITH THEM.

SHE'S THE DATE PLAN ORGANIZER.

THAT'S THE TEXTING GUY, KADOTA.

SO, BACK IN THOSE DAYS, YUGAMI-KUN WOULD HANG AROUND THE CONNECTING PASSAGE NEARBY...

THEY'D GET REALLY MAD IF YOU USED THE LOCKER ROOM OR ENTERED THE GROUNDS BEFORE THEM.

WHEN WE WERE FIRST-YEARS, THE THIRD-YEARS WERE VIOLENT. THEY WERE DIFFERENT THAN THEY ARE NOW.

AH, I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT THEM.

WELL... IT WASN'T EXACTLY LIKE THAT.

SO YUGAMI-SAN ACTUALLY LISTENED TO THEIR ORDERS?

OF COURSE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DESIGN, YOU'LL SEE IT.

BUT... YOUR DESIGN IS TOO DETAILED, FUJISAWA-SAN.

DO WE HAVE TO BE SO ACCURATE WITH THE COLOR GRADIENTS?

SEE? THE COLORS HERE ARE DIF-FERENT.

NOT FAR FROM THERE, THERE WERE PEOPLE DOING THE BACKDROP BOARDS FOR THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.

Well that's just like our club's dynamics.

thanks to a certain someone!

AND I WAS A LITTLE WOR-RIED...

I COULD SEE THAT THEIR TEAM-WORK WASN'T ROCK-SOLID,

YUGAMI! THE SENIORS ARE ALL OUT ON THE GROUNDS.

CHEH, FINALLY!

MY PRACTICE TIME IS MUCH SHORTER BECAUSE OF THOSE DUNCES!

TEETH CLENCHING

I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO GET YOU; AT LEAST SAY THANK YOU!

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SFX: DASH

I'M SORRY FOR NOT HAVING THE TALENT!!

THEN, ONE DAY...

I CAN'T ASCEND TO YOUR LEVEL, FUJISAWA-SAN! I'VE TRIED MY BEST, BUT NOW I'VE HAD ENOUGH!

SFX: SOB SOB

YU... YUKA-CHIN! HOLD ON!!

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YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME!

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THEN, ONE DAY, WHEN I WENT TO GET YUGAMI...

AS I PREDICTED, FUJISAWA-SAN'S TEAM WAS SCATTERED.

YUGAMI'S HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE, HE JUST SOME-TIMES LACKS THE PROPER TIMING.

IN THE BEGINNING, I THINK HE DID START HELPING FUJISAWA-SAN OUT OF SYMPATHY.

SOMEHOW... EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE EXACT SAME STORY,

IT'S LOST THE DREAMY ASPECT OF IT.

THEY WERE HAPPILY PAINTING THE BOARDS.

WELL, PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY SELF-CENTERED, I GUESS...

AND THERE ARE AS MANY TRUTHS OUT THERE AS THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY.

I'M NOT BLAMING FUJISAWA-SAN FOR MISINTER-PRETING HIS ACTIONS THOUGH...

BUT HALF-WAY THROUGH, MAYBE HE FOUND THAT PAINTING THE BOARD WAS QUITE FUN, SO HE DEVOTED HIMSELF TO DOING THAT.

WELL, YOU DO HAVE A POINT.

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...? THAT GUY'S GOT A LOOSE SCREW.

SO... I SHOULD FORGIVE HIM JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT MALICIOUS?

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AND SO... I DON'T THINK YUGAMI-KUN DID ALL OF THAT OUT OF MALICE...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT I'M WRONG ABOUT THIS!

HE THOUGHT SERIOUSLY ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH YOU.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE'S A BIT OUT OF SYNC WITH THE REST OF US,

BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU,

IS SHE OKAY!?

HAVE YOU FOUND FUJISAWA-SAN!?

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YUGAMI-SAN!

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IT'S ALL SOLVED!!

IT'S FINE. NO PROBLEM.

ARE YOU SURE!?

LOOK UP THERE.

HOW COULD YOU SOLVE EVERYTHING IN JUST A FEW MINUTES AFTER THAT FIASCO?

COME ON, LET'S GO HOME!

WE'VE GOT A GAME TO PLAY TOMOR-ROW!

YES SIR!

I SEE...

I HAVE NO MORE GUILTY FEELINGS ABOUT THE CONFESSION, NOW THAT SHE'S SMILING. CASE CLOSED!

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YEAH.

SHE'S SMILING.

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CH 8 ✕ YUGAMI-KUN STAYS THE SAME

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STRIKE THREE!!

YOU SEEMED TROUBLED BEFORE, BUT YOU ACED IT TODAY!

YUGA-MI!

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THIS IS GREAT!! WE'RE MOVING ON TO THE SEMI-FINAL!!

WE WON!!

MAN... I'M SO GLAD WE WRAPPED UP THAT LOVE LETTER INCIDENT.

IT'S NOTHING.

SMIRK

ALSO, YOU LOOK PRETTY RELIEVED NOW... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

KAMIHOSHI HIGH

ON THE OTHER SIDE, AT THAT TIME--

BUT SOMEHOW, THE STUDENTS HERE DON'T GET EXCITED ABOUT IT AT ALL.

Kuzumi Wakana
Subject: We won!

Our baseball team won! We're going to the semi-final! (^o^)

SFX: FLIP

THEY'RE INCHING CLOSER TO THE KOUSHIEN.

EVEN THOUGH OUR SCHOOL'S BASEBALL TEAM ISN'T PARTICULARLY STRONG,

SFX: BZZ BZZ

YAY! NO CLASSES!!

SO WE GET TO GO HOME EARLY!

YEAH-HHH!!

LUCKY !!

SFX: DASH

HAVE YOUR HEARD!? TOMORROW'S LESSONS ARE CANCELED!

WE'RE GOING TO CHEER FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM!!

THE SEMI-FINAL!? THAT'S GREAT!

SFX: SURPRISED

SFX: CHATTER CHATTER

THE LIVELY ATMOSPHERE FEELS DIFFERENT THAN REGULAR DAYS.

Click

Cheering motivation zero.

NOBODY'S REALLY INTERESTED IN BASEBALL...

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY OTHER DECENT PITCHERS.

I GUESS SO...

EITHER WAY...

BY THE WAY, YUGAMI-KUN IS THE ACE, RIGHT? IS HE PITCHING TOMORROW?

DING DONG

HUH? ERR....

JUST ASK THE GUY. HE'S BACK AT SCHOOL NOW...

IS YOUR OPPONENT STRONG?

He's him after all.

I'M GONNA BE THE PITCHER.

HE'S LISTENING TO SOME-THING, LIKE ALWAYS.

LOOK. EVEN IF WE ASK, HE PROBABLY WON'T HEAR US.

YUGAMI-KUN IS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION. THAT'S RARE.

HM ..

IT'LL DEPEND ON HOW I PLAY.

DO YOU THINK WE'LL WIN?

NOT TOO BAD, I GUESS.

THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE INCONSE-QUENTIAL.

IN BASEBALL, 90% OF THE GAME DEPENDS ON THE PITCHER.

THAT'S CORRECT.

HEY, ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU ALONE WOULD DECIDE THE WHOLE GAME?

IF HE WERE A BIT MORE CHARMING, HE WOULD HAVE BECOME A HERO AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

This guy is so annoying!!

YOU'RE PRETTY ARROGANT YOURSELF, PUSHING YOUR OWN PRINCIPLES ONTO ME LIKE THIS.

MUNCH MUNCH

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO ARROGANT, YUGAMI-KUN?

BUT IT'S A TEAM GAME. SURELY YOUR TEAMMATES ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

remember that!! Kyaa.

And then it was. ++

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WOW, SHE MUST BE VERY NERVOUS. MAYBE I SHOULD LEAVE HER ALONE.

RUMBLING

MUNCH MUNCH

IF WE FORM THE LINE-UP WELL, THEN WE CAN HANDLE THEIR BALL SPEED...

ABSENT-MINDED

I WONDER WHO THEIR STARTING MEMBER IS. P

HEY, KUZUMI-SAN...

Fujisawa Rio

Seems like everyone is going to go cheer I don't really want to go. Especially after that thing before... Anyway Yugami-kun

FLIP

SIGH

AND HERE THEY'RE CHATTING ABOUT THE PAST. WOULD IT BE BAD IF I TRIED TO JOIN IN...?

HOW... HOW ON EARTH SHOULD I REPLY TO THIS!?

UGH, IT'S FUJISAWA-SAN...

AND HERE'S THE CHANGE.

OKAY.

HERE, I'VE BOUGHT YOUR DESSERT!

YUGAMI-SAN!

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LOOK AT THE CHANGE YOU GOT! ALL THREE OF THE 10 YEN COINS ARE SERRATED!

10 yen coins with serrated edges.

DON'T YOU "OKAY" ME LIKE THAT! DO YOU REALIZE HOW FAR I HAD TO GO TO GET THIS FOR YOU!?

WOW !!!

Now my lunch break is over!

YOU CAN ONLY GET ONE TINY TIROL CHOCOLATE WITH 30 YEN, YOU KNOW!?

SUCH A MEASLY REWARD!

SUCH GOOD LUCK BEFORE THE GAME. YOU CAN HAVE THEM.

HUH?

COME!

COME!

YEAH... I'VE BEEN GETTING THEM TOO, EVER SINCE WE EXCHANGED NUMBERS BACK THEN.

Fujisawa Kio
Subject: Good luck.

As the seasons are changing, I hope you will always stay healthy and happy. We met under exceptional conditions, but you have always been kind

ACTUALLY... IT'S ABOUT FUJISAWA-SAN. I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE'S STILL TEXTING ME...

ME? WHAT IS IT?

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...

I DON'T KNOW HER MOTIVE, SO IT FREAKS ME OUT!!

WHEN A GIRL DOES THIS KIND OF THING, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SENTIMENT BEHIND IT IS?

SHE FOUND OUT THAT I'M NOT YUGAMI-SAN, SO WHY DOES SHE KEEP TEXTING ME!?

YOU GET THEM TOO, CHIHIRO-SAN?

ANYWAY, HOW SHOULD I REPLY TO HER MESSAGES!?

UGH... REALLY? THIS KIND OF THOUGHTFULNESS IS TROUBLESOME...

I GUESS SHE'S TEXTING ME BECAUSE SHE NEEDS SOMEONE TO TALK TO. AS FOR YOUR CASE, KADOTA-KUN, MAYBE IT'S A FOLLOW-UP BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO FEEL TOO GUILTY ABOUT YOUR INVOLVEMENT BACK THEN.

SHE'S A GOOD GIRL, SO SHE'S THINKING ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS.

MUMBLING

AS OUR MANAGER, SHE DOES A SIMULATION IN HER HEAD BEFORE EVERY GAME.

KUZUMI-SAN SEEMS TO BE IN THE SAME STATE.

THIS IS SOMETHING I JUST CAN'T CONTROL WELL...

I'M PRETTY NERVOUS.

IS EVERYTHING READY FOR THE GAME?

RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT THAT, I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST FOCUS ON THE GAME TOMORROW, KADOTA-KUN.

WHAT? AH, YEAH...

NUNCH NUNCH

FLICK

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DOO DOO DOO DOO ♪

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CHEW CHEW

TATA TAN

TATA TAN

BUT OVER THERE...

ISN'T HE A BIT TOO RELAXED!?

THAT'S BETTER FOR HIM.

AND HE ALWAYS THREW A GOOD BALL THE NEXT DAY, SO HE'S GONNA BE FINE!!

EVEN IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH, HE'D ALWAYS BE LIKE THAT BEFORE A GAME.

WITH ALL OF THE TEAM MEMBERS' STRENGTH, WE CAN WIN THIS!!

WE'VE BEEN PRACTICING SO HARD ALL THIS TIME TO GET TO KOUSHIEN!!

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE'S GONNA THROW THE BALL WELL.

HM... HE'S FINE...? ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE INCONSE-QUENTIAL.

IN BASE-BALL, 90% OF THE GAME DEPENDS ON THE PITCHER.

TEAM MEMBERS' STRENGTH...

OKAY... GOOD LUCK THEN...

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WE GOT ON A TRAIN.

THE DAY OF THE GAME.

MAN, HOW FAR OUT IS IT!?

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AND THEN WE WALKED.

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Yes, it was like that back then.

And at the time...

NO MATTER WHAT I TRY, I CAN NEVER TRULY BE IN THEIR CIRCLE.

WAA... I CAN'T JOIN THEIR CONVERSATION!

It's never happened before!

Yes, you're right.

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There was a girl called Chii-chan, remember?

THEN WE WOULD HAVE NEVER EVEN BECOME FRIENDS.

IF... KUZUMI-SAN WASN'T THERE TO CONNECT US IN THE FIRST PLACE,

I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU!

WATA-NUKI-SAN!

RUSH

ANYWAY, WHY DO THEY KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE PAST? IS THIS THEIR WAY OF CASUALLY SHUTTING ME OUT...?

SURE.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN?

NO! I'M READING TOO MUCH INTO IT!

AH... SURE! I'D BE HAPPY TO!

SO IF YOU DON'T MIND, HOW ABOUT CHEERING TOGETHER?

I DON'T HAVE MANY CLOSE FRIENDS IN MY CLASS...

FUJI-SAWA-SAN...

MY CLASS GOT ON THE LATER TRAIN, SO I ALMOST COULDN'T REACH YOU...

ISN'T IT HARD TO CHEER FOR HIM?

BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY?

SO...

AND I'M NOT CHEERING FOR YUGAMI-KUN; I'M CHEERING FOR OUR BASEBALL CLUB.

I LOVE BASEBALL... SO IT SHOULD BE FINE.

I ALSO HAVE TEA AND BINOCULARS.

She must have hurriedly covered it up

OH...! I CAN SEE THE TRACES OF 'YUGAMI' UNDER 'KAMIHOSHI'...

GOOD LUCK KAMIHOSHI

WOW, THAT'S GREAT! YOU WENT ALL-OUT!

TADAA! I MADE THIS FOR TODAY!

BUT BACK THEN MOST OF THE PLAYERS WERE RESERVE MEMBERS. WE WON'T LOSE TODAY, AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN GOOD SHAPE...

JUST CALM DOWN. YOU ACTUALLY LET THE KAMIHOSHI GUYS HIT SOME BALLS DURING THE PRACTICE GAME.

AMAGI

HAYAS-HIYAMA!

THEIR CLUB IS WEAKER THAN OURS.

WE WON'T LOSE IF WE BRING OUR USUAL GAME!

I'LL BE FINE! I WON'T LET THEM HIT THE BALL SO EASILY THIS TIME.

MY TARGET RIGHT NOW IS NOT YOU; IT'S KOUSHIEN.

IT'S STILL FAR AWAY!

YUGAMI...

HE WAS AN UNMOTIVATED KID BEFORE HE BECAME A PITCHER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

A GUY LIKE HIM IS ALREADY SATISFIED JUST THROWING A GOOD PITCH AND FEELING GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF!

EVEN THOUGH HE'D GO TO HELL AND BACK WHILE PRACTICING, HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO AIM FOR KOUSHIEN.

YUGAMI IS A GOOD PITCHER. HE HAS BOTH THE SKILL AND THE STRENGTH.

BUT HE ALSO HAS A WEAK POINT.

IF OUR SKILL LEVEL IS THE SAME,

THEN THE ONE WITH THE STRONGER WILLPOWER WILL WIN!

TO GO TO HELL AND BACK TO GET TO KOUSHIEN!!

I'M WILLING...

YUGAMI-SAN... HAYASHIYAMA-SAN IS STARING AT US.

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STARE

GLANCE

IT'S GAME TIME!!

WE DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE...

I COULD FEEL THAT GLARE.

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IS HE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE YUGAMI-SAN...?

IT'S BEEN FUN, BUT WE SHOULDN'T FORGET THOSE WHO SUPPORT US! LET'S GIVE IT OUR ALL!!

YES!!

WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT WE'VE COME SO FAR!

SO GRATEFUL!!

GREAT! LET'S DO OUR BEST TODAY!!

WE SHOULD FAIL WITH DIGNITY!! IF THERE'S A ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE THAT WE'LL WIN, THEN THAT'S A BONUS!!

IT'S ALREADY A MIRACLE THAT OUR CLUB HAS COME THIS FAR!

OUCH!!

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WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT, CAPTAIN!?

WHY DID IT SOUND LIKE A SPEECH FOR THE LAST GAME!? PLEASE GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!

YOU'RE SCARY!

THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF US ALL PRACTICING SO HARD AND OVERCOMING ALL OF THE ODDS UP UNTIL NOW!? GO KILL THOSE AMAGI BOYS AND EAT 'EM FOR BREAK-FAST!!

ARE YOU STUPID!?

A BONUS, YOU SAY!?

WOOOOOO

PLAY!

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CHATTER

STRIKE ONE!

IT'S PROBABLY TOUGH FOR OUR TEAM.

HMM.... AMAGI HIGH'S A STRONG TEAM...

DO YOU THINK WE'LL WIN?

YUGAMI-KUN LOOKS CONFIDENT.

STRIKE TWO!

AND ALSO...

WHEN YOUR OPPONENT IS CLEARLY STRONGER, YOU NEED GOOD LUCK AND HIGH SPIRIT IN ORDER TO WIN THE BATTLE.

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T PLAY SERIOUSLY. IT WAS JUST A PRACTICE GAME...

BUT WE WON AGAINST THEM AT THE PRACTICE GAME, DIDN'T WE?

HURRAH HURRAH

AMAGI

Kamihoshi Supporters

CHATTER

CHATTER

RUSTLE

SO HOT

Amagi Supporters

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THE STRENGTH OF YOUR SUPPORTERS.

IF WE CAN SCORE JUST ONE POINT, THE GAME'S OURS.

BUT KAMIHOSHI'S LINE-UP AND DEFENSE AREN'T REALLY THAT GOOD.

YUGAMI'S A GOOD PITCHER.

IT'S A GOOD THING WE HAD A PRACTICE GAME WITH THEM BEFORE.

AND EVEN IF THEY DO MANAGE TO HIT IT, WE'VE GOT A STRONG LINE-UP AND A GREAT DEFENSE.

I'LL THROW A FAST BALL SO GREAT THAT NONE OF THE KAMIHOSHI BOYS WILL SCORE A HIT!

I HAVE VERY TALENTED SENIORS SUPPORTING ME.

I DON'T NEED TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THROWING A GOOD PITCH.

IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, THEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A ONE-MAN GAME!!

PEOPLE SAY THAT IN A BASEBALL GAME, 70% OF THE GAME DEPENDS ON THE PITCHER.

SQUEEZE

ARIGHT!

HAYASHIYAMA! START WARM-ING UP YOUR SHOULDERS!

BUT I BELIEVE IN MY TEAM, AND WE WILL WIN THIS!!!

STRIKE THREE!

STRIKE TWO!

STRIKE ONE!

OH HO

AH! THAT'S A HIT! YAAAYYY!!

CLAP CLAP

HE SHOULD FOCUS ON THE BALL...

WE'VE GOT A WEAK LINE-UP AGAIN...

IRRITATED

AH, ERR... SORRY... I'M SORRY...

THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY A FOUL!!!

HEY, WHAT APP IS THAT? I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

GAH, IT'S SO HOT OUT HERE...

WHEN IS THIS GONNA FINISH!?

So boring!

STRIKE THREE!

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SEE YUGAMI-KUN, BUT I STILL CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO CHEER FOR KAMIHOSHI...

THEIR CLASS-MATE IS DOING HIS BEST OUT THERE, SO WHY CAN'T THEY BE A BIT MORE SUPPORTIVE!?

THE PEOPLE SITTING AROUND HERE ARE IN YUGAMI-KUN'S CLASS, RIGHT?

WELL, YUGAMI-KUN ISN'T EXACTLY POPULAR.

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CHATTER

CHATTER

SENSEI, WE CAN GO STRAIGHT HOME IF IT'S RAINING, RIGHT?

LET'S QUICKLY FINISH THE GAME...

ROLLING THUNDER

WHAT ...!? NO WAY!!

IS IT GONNA RAIN...?

JUST GIVE UP AND LOSE ALREADY! JUST GIVE UP!!

WE'VE BEEN GIVEN TIME OFF TO SUPPORT THEM,

AND WE'RE NOW SITTING IN THE SUPPORTERS' SEATS!!

WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS CHEER FOR OUR TEAM PROPERLY!?

WELL, I DID WARN THEM...

AND SENSEI, YOU SHOULD TELL THEM OFF FOR DOING THAT!!!

IF YOU WANNA PLAY, THEN GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!

YOU THERE! FIDDLING WITH YOUR PHONE DURING THE GAME IS DISRESPECT-FUL TO THE PLAYERS!!

THEY SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT SCHOOL AND STUDIED INSTEAD.

STUDENTS WHO AREN'T CHEERING PROPERLY SHOULD JUST BE SENT HOME!

SHE'S RIGHT! EVERYBODY, PLEASE CHEER ON THE TEAM SERIOUSLY!!

AMAZING! WELL-SAID, YOUNG LADY!!

DO IT FOR THIS OLD MAN TOO!

WE...
WE CAN'T LAND ANY HITS AT ALL...
HAYASHIYAMA-SAN'S REALLY STRONG WHEN HE'S PUTTING IN ALL OF HIS MIGHT...

TWIST

TWIST

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STRIKE TWO!!

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EH? I... I THINK SO TOO...

THIS IS BAD FOR US.

HE'S GREAT...

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DASH

STRIKE THREE!

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RUN

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SILENCE

PACING AROUND

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WAS... WAS I REALLY THAT BAD? OUR SUPPORTERS ARE SUDDENLY SO QUIET...

BECAUSE OF THE PARENTS AND THE TEACHERS WHO DON'T WANT TO INVOKE OTHER PARENTS' COMPLAINTS, THE ATMOSPHERE HAS TURNED VERY SOMBER...

HIT IT! EYES ON THE BALL, THE BALL!!

BLAH BLAH BLAH!!

YOU THERE! PUT AWAY THAT PHONE!

I'VE GOT TO READ HIS MOVEMENTS WELL...

IT'S VERY RARE FOR YUGAMI-SAN TO SHOW WEAKNESS...

FWISH!

CLANG

GRIP

WHOOSH!!

IT'S GOING TO THE THIRD BASE! RUN AROUND! RUN!!

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SLIDE!!

YOU COULDN'T CATCH THAT JUST NOW!? HOW STUPID CAN YOU GET!?

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT ON THIRD!?

TOO BAD YOU DON'T HAVE STRONG TEAMMATES, YUGAMI!!

IF WE SCORE ONE POINT, THE GAME'S OURS!!

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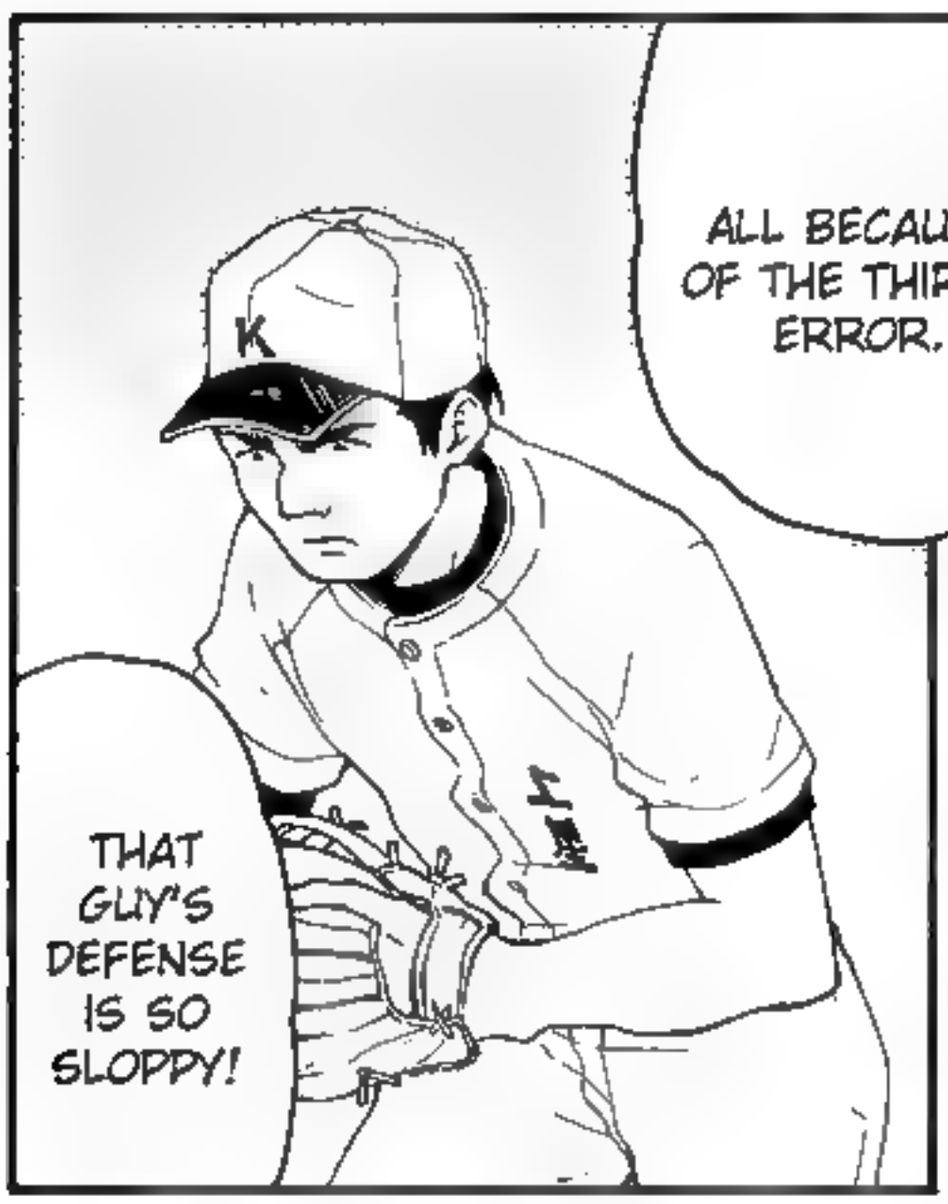
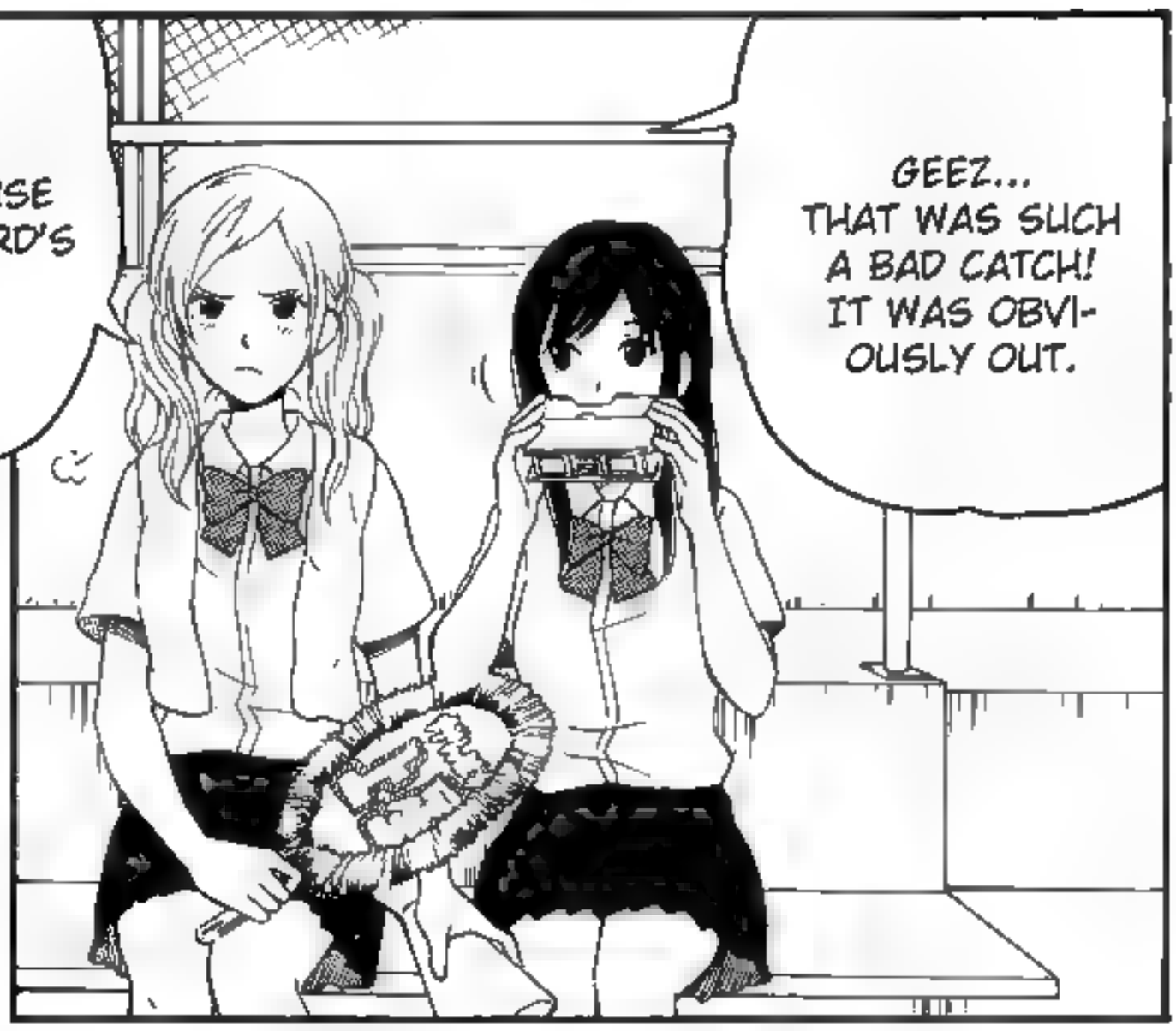
Go Go Go!! Bang Bang

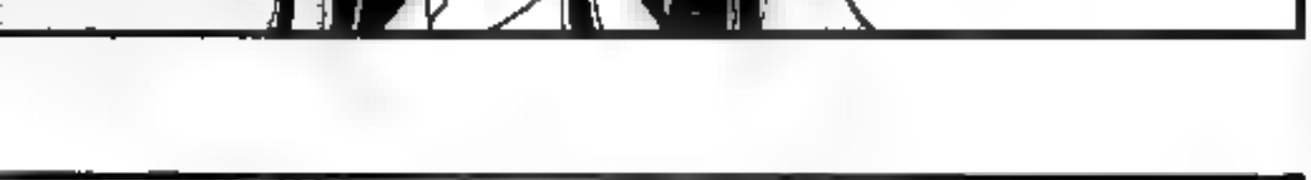
WILL THEY SCORE A POINT?

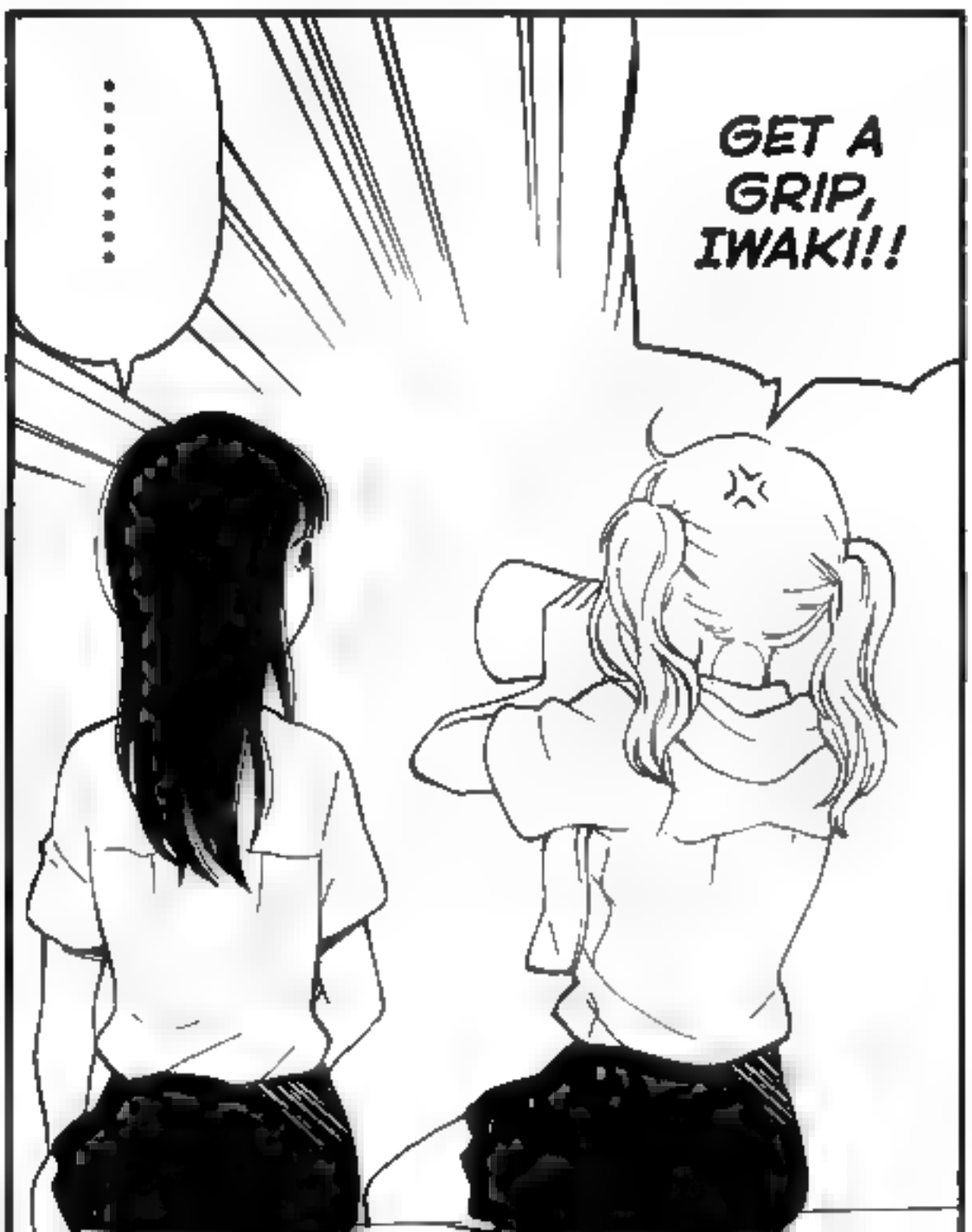
GO GO A-MA-GI

SECOND BASE, HUH...?









UMM... I GUESS...

RIGHT! THIS GIRL MISTAKENLY HAD A CRUSH ON YUGAMI-KUN SINCE THE FIRST GRADE! NO WONDER SHE KNOWS A LOT...

GOOD LUCK KAMIHOSHI YUGAMI

*REMINDER FROM LAST CHAPTER: SHE OVERWROTE "YUGAMI" WITH "KAMIHOSHI"

THAT GUY WAS YUGAMI-KUN'S PARTNER FOR BATTERY WHEN HE WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE.

I'VE GOT CLUB PRACTICE AND A BIG GAME COMING UP YOU KNOW!

I WAS TOLD TO STAY BEHIND EVERY DAY FOR A WEEK TO WRITE A REPENTANT LETTER!

SO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS FOR ME

Refer to Volume Chapter 1

OH, I KNOW THAT IWAKI GUY! WHEN I TRANSFERRED HERE, I GOT CALLED OUT FOR MOVING HIS BIKE AT THE PARKING LOT.

I SEE...

THAT'S WHY HE'S PAIRED UP WITH KADOTA NOW.

WHAT!?

THOSE TWO!? I BET THEY FOUGHT A LOT!!

CH 9 X YUGAMI-KUN DOESN'T TRUST

#5, ISHI-KAWA...

I THINK HE'S A TYPICAL PULL HITTER.

Hit it! Hit it! I-SHI-KA-WA

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GET HIM TO HIT AN OUT CURVE AND WE'LL SCORE!

Ges-ture

SFX: SHAKE SHAKE

SFX: SHAKE SHAKE

THEN WE'LL DO THIS.

Ges-ture

STRIKE!

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KAMIHOSHI

STRIKE!

HE'S BEEN PUSHING IT FROM THE START.

YUGAMI... HE INTENDS TO FINISH THIS ON HIS OWN, SO HE'S AIMING FOR A STRIKE OUT.

AMAGI

AMAGI

THEIR LINE-UP IS WEAK, AND IF WE CAN SCORE A POINT, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CATCH UP.

KAMIHOSHI IS A ONE-MAN TEAM. YOU CAN BRUSH OFF THE REST OF THEIR PLAYERS.

HE'D BETTER REALIZE SOON THAT IT'S NOT THE TIME TO SHOW OFF.

HIS PRIDE FORCES HIM TO DO THIS.

THE END IS NOT FAR AWAY.

TIME!

EITHER WE SCORE A POINT FIRST, OR YOU GET CRUSHED...

IF WE CRUSH HIM, THAT'S THE END FOR THEM!

IT'S OUR WIN NO MATTER WHAT!!

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Amagi is different than the other schools we've played against before!

No way!

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Let's give them a chance to hit!

Listen to me, Yugami-san!!

If you force yourself to get the strike out, you won't last long!

If I let our opponents land a hit, they'll definitely breach our weak defense and score!!

And if they do get a point, we'll be unable to steal a point back from them!! Because we suck!!!

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To be honest, I can't rely on those guys at all.

LEFT - MEGURO

THIRD - IWAKI

I'd love to give them a chance to hit if our defense can block it! However...

If you want me to let the other team hit the ball, then get me better players!!

I've known him for two years, and I have to say that he's not good!

He's not a machine! He's only human!!

That error by Iwaki-senpai was just an accident! That's not his usual game! It's unavoidable sometimes!!

Don't worry about me; worry about whether we win or lose this game!!

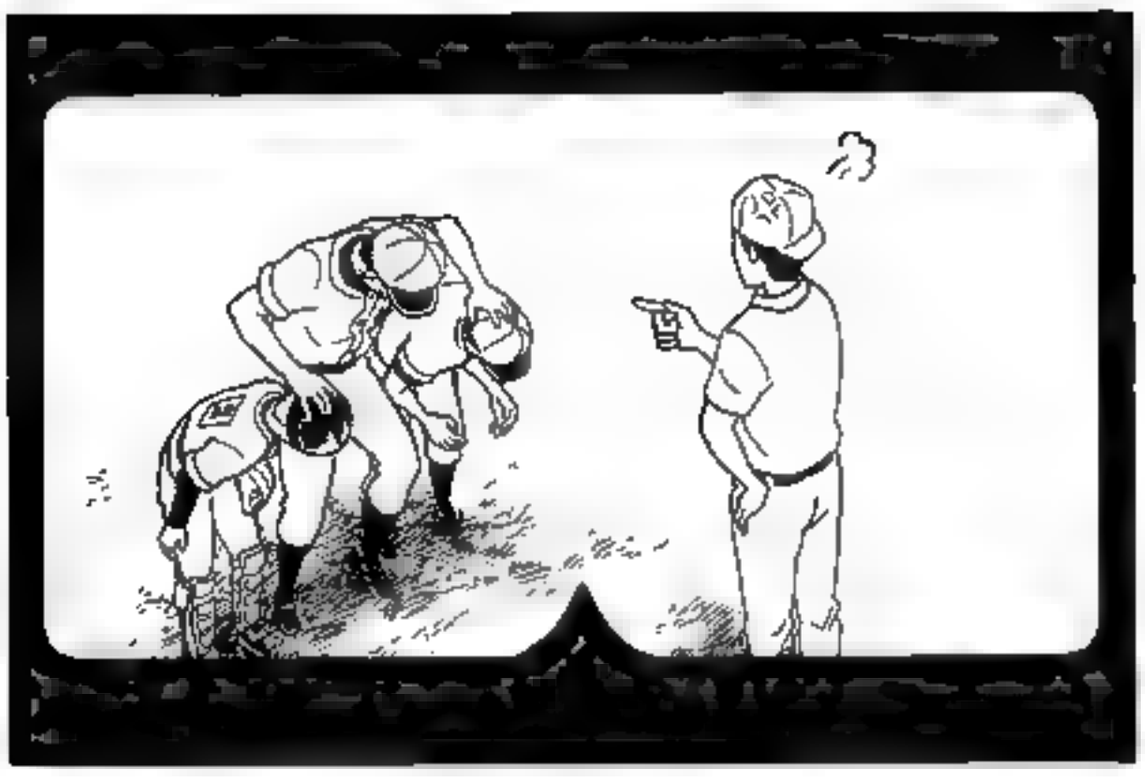
I'm saying this because I'm worried about you!! Why won't you listen to me!?

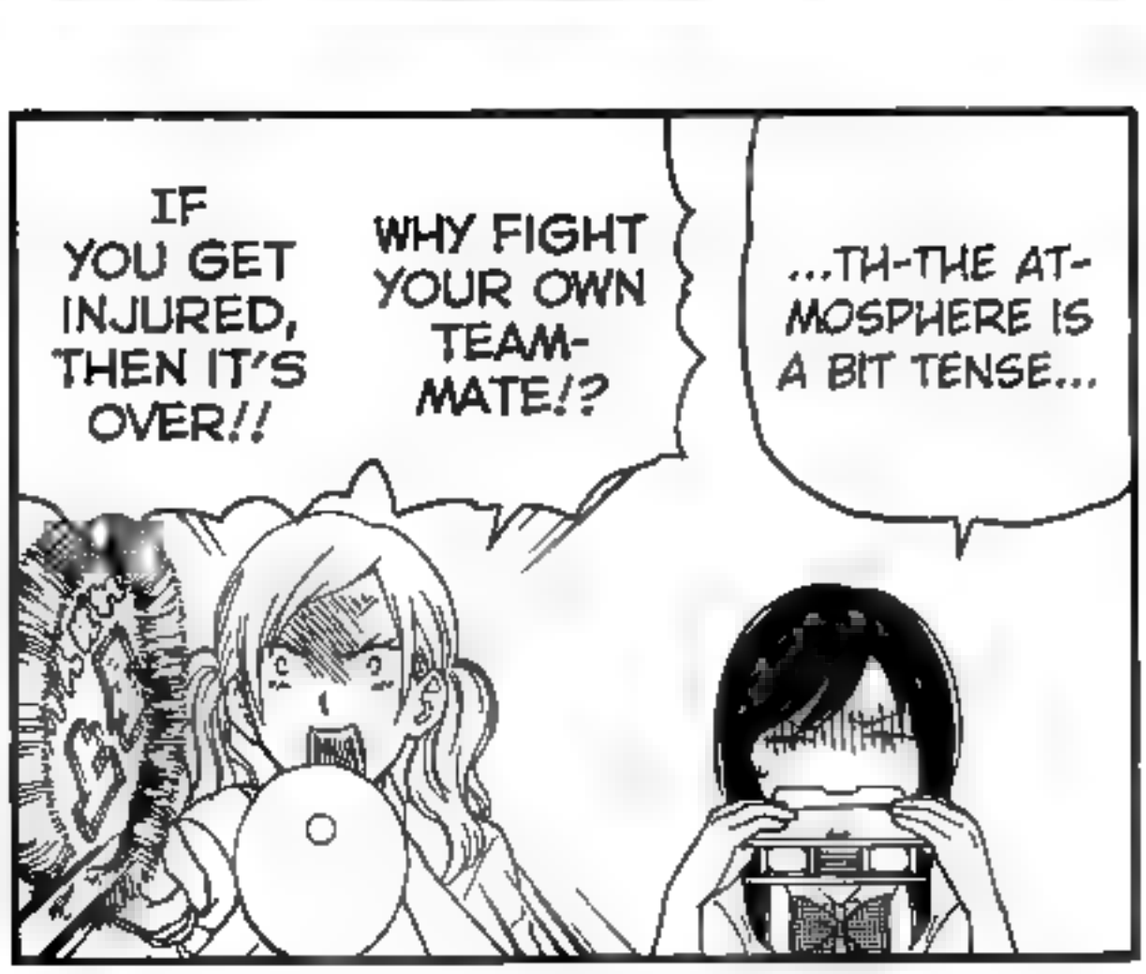
Man, you're so contrary!!

No way!

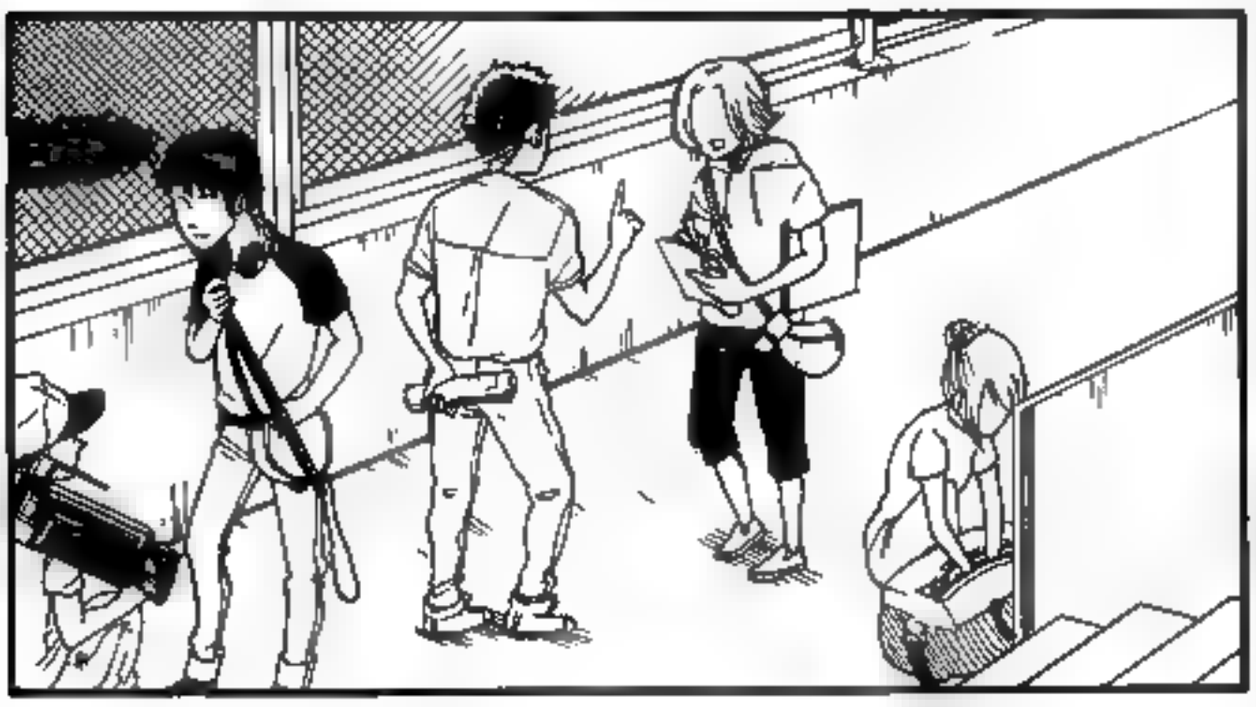
That was just at the start! They haven't warmed up yet!

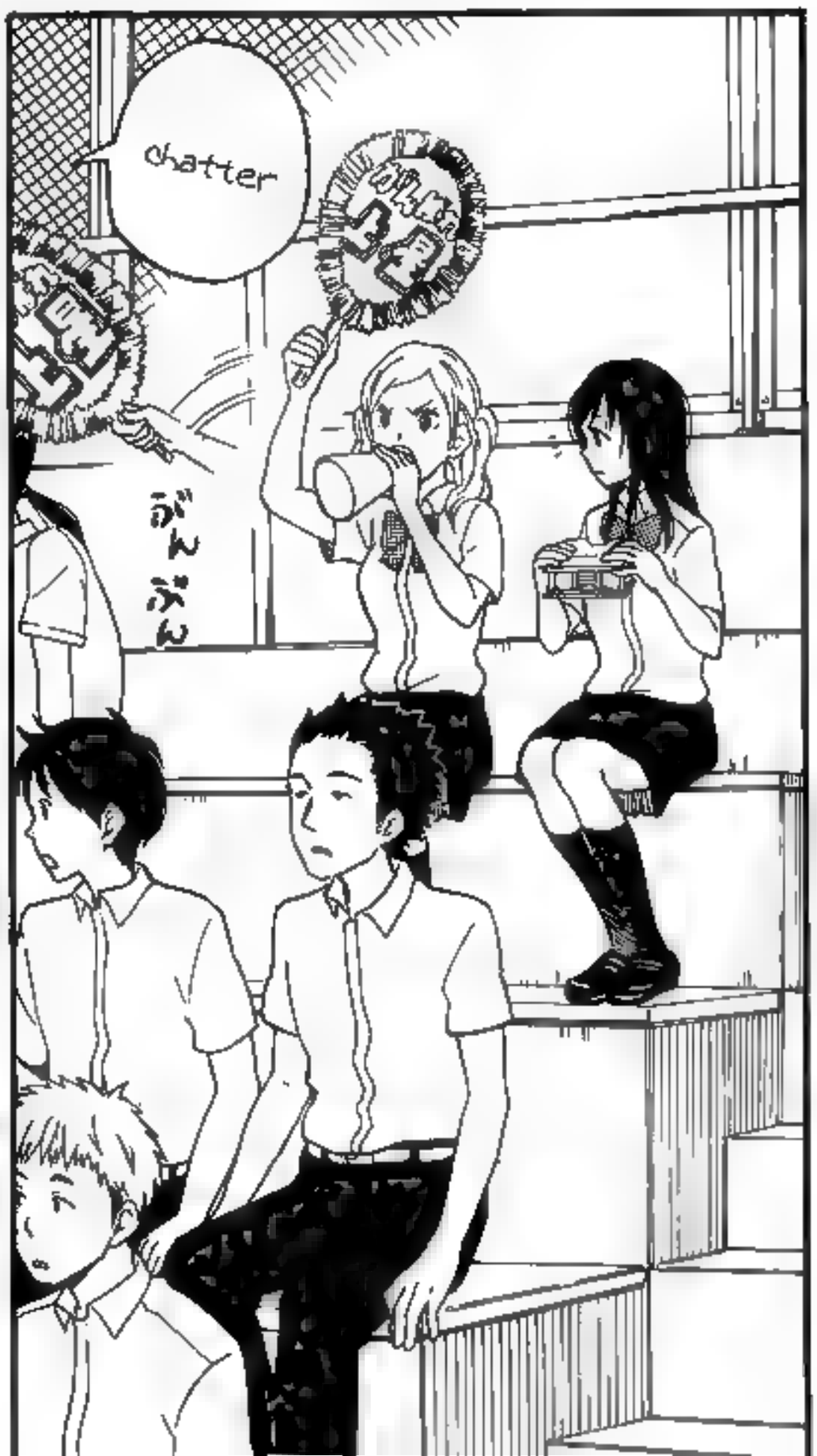
Why don't you trust us a bit!?




IF YOU GET INJURED, THEN IT'S OVER!!
WHY FIGHT YOUR OWN TEAM-MATE!?
...TH-THE AT-MOSPHERE IS A BIT TENSE...

BE-CAUSE THEY SUCK!!
WHY NOT!?
NO WAY!!
COME ON, JUST TRUST THEM!
WHY THE HECK ARE YOU FIGHT-ING!?
SFX: GOING AROUND

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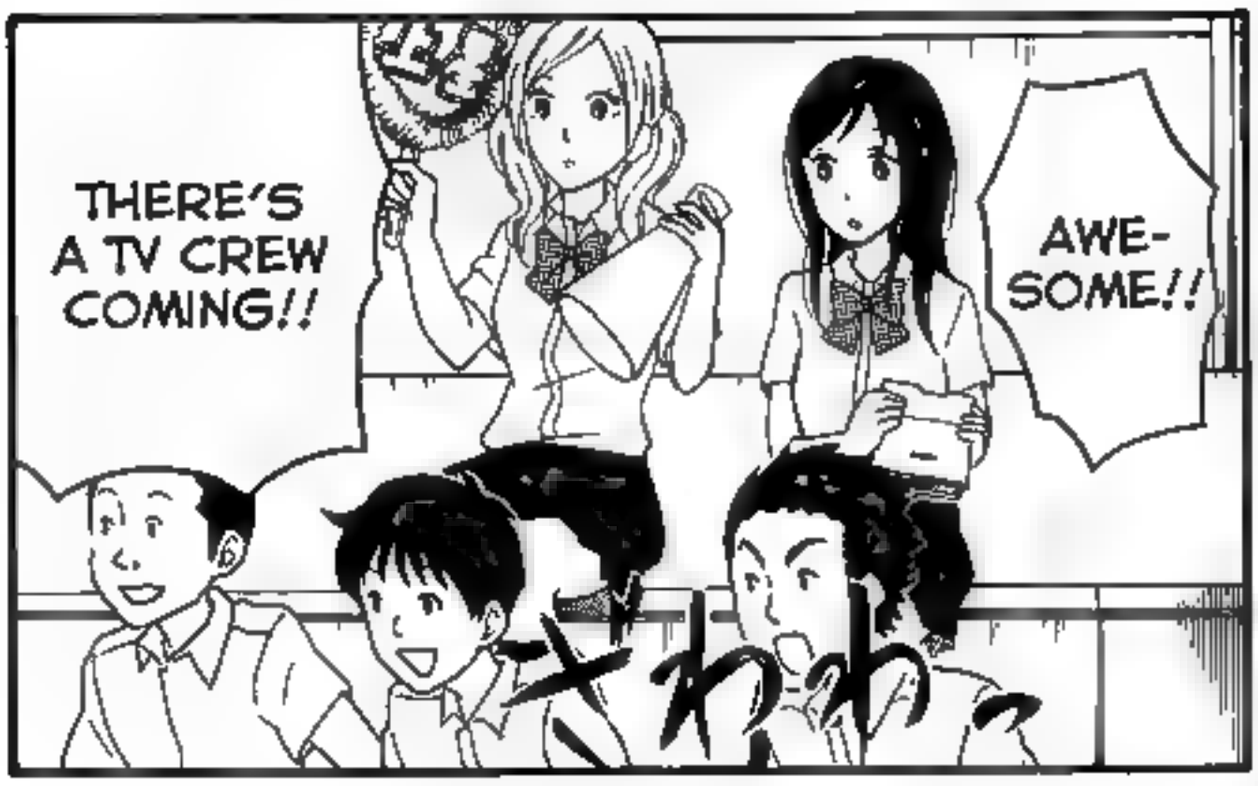
THERE'S A TV CREW COMING!!
AWE-SOME!!

STRIKE THREE!!

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DISAPPOINTED

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SO THIS WILL BE AIRED ON "THE SUNSHINE SHOW"!!

THAT'S MORI-MOTO KAYOKO, A LOCAL CELEB-RITY!

OH, OVER THERE!

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING!?

THE AUDIENCE SUDDENLY SEEMS PRETTY HYPED...

I'M PLAYING IN THE NEXT INNING.

YUGAMI'S IN TOP FORM, AS USUAL...

STRIKE!!

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IT'LL BE BAD IF HE MANAGES TO HIT IT, BUT HE'S NOT THAT GOOD, SO IF WE THROW A CURVEBALL...

IS "THE SUN-SHINE SHOW" A LIVE PRO-GRAM!?

AMAGI

HIS SWING IS AIMED AT THE OUTER CORNER, SO THE PROBABIL-ITY OF HIM HITTING IT IS PRETTY LOW.

SO THE NEXT BATTER IS #4, IWAKI, HUH...?

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN IT COMES TO COCKROACHES... IF YOU CAN SEE ONE, THEN THERE ARE A HUNDRED OTHERS HIDING.

SO THERE'S STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE ARE MANY OUT THERE WHO WILL LIKE ME.

THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST ONE.

IF I GET TO BE ON TV, WILL ANY OF THE GIRLS OUT THERE THINK THAT I'M COOL...?

MY DREAM KOUSHIEN

AMAG HIGH SCHOOL

HAYASHIYAMA HASAKI (17)

IT'S A LOCAL PROGRAM COVERING EVENTS IN THIS AREA, HOSTED BY MORIMOTO KAYOKO.

THE SUN-SHINE SHOW...

The Sunshine Show

WITH

MORIMOTO KAYOKO

AND HERE I AM, GETTING ALL FIDGETY...

DAMN IT! I BET YUGAMI DOESN'T CARE ABOUT CELEBRITIES OR BEING ON TV. HE'LL DEFINITELY PUT ON A STRAIGHT FACE.

I MUST NOT BE DISTRACTED BY ANYTHING! FOCUS!!

HEY... HAYASHIYAMA!!

THAT'S WRONG!!

I WANNA BE POPULAR... WAIT, NO!

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FIGHT ON, KAMIHOSHI!!

LET'S SAY IT!

HEY, DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GOT A STOMACHACHE!?

I'M SO PISSED AT MYSELF RIGHT NOW!!!

NAH, NOT REALLY. HAHAHA...

YOU'RE ALL CHEERING SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY!

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YUGAMI-KUN WAS FIGHTING EARLIER. I WONDER IF HE'S OKAY NOW...

SFX: STARE

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IT'S QUINTES-SENTIALLY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL.

THE SUPPORTERS SEEM REALLY EXCITED NOW!!

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SFX: LOOK AROUND

SFX: STARING FIDGETY

THEY'VE BEEN BE-HAVING THEMSELVES SINCE THE TV CREW CAME. THE TEACH-ERS AND STUDENTS ARE SO INSINCERE!

HE LOOKS TOTALLY FINE...

UH... YEAH...

YOU'RE ALL SO DISIN-GENUOUS!!

THEY'RE ALL FAKE!! THAT'S SO RUDE TO THE PLAYERS!!

THIS IS NOT HOW WE'RE SUP-POSED TO CHEER!

OH NO! IT'S RAINING...

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KAMI-HOSHI IS ON THE OFFEN-SIVE.

THEN THE THIRD INNING--

I HOPE NOBODY GETS HURT OR MAKES STUPID MISTAKES...

#8: PITCHER, YUGAMI.

GOOD BATTING!

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AMAGI'S THIRD IS REALLY GOOD...

DAMN, USUALLY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A RUN...

OUT!!

IF IT WAS OUR TEAM ON DEFENSE, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A HIT.

NO, LUCK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. THAT'S THE THIRD'S SKILL.

YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE.

YUGAMI, GET A GRIP! THAT WAS JUST BAD LUCK!

SFX: CLICK CLICK

YOU SUCK BIG TIME!

I CAN'T TRUST YOU GUYS AT ALL.

NO, I'M NOT GONNA COVER FOR YUGAMI-SAN ANYMORE...

SFX: UGH...

SFX: ANGRY

HE SHOULD REALIZE HOW MUCH HELP HE GETS FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM!

TO RETURN THE FAVOR, I'VE DONE ALL OF HIS BIDDING... MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM TOO MUCH THAT YUGAMI-SAN BECAME SPOILED AND LOST HIS CHANCE TO LEARN FROM HIS MISTAKES.

SINCE I BECAME YUGAMI-SAN'S CATCHER, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PLAY AS A REGULAR.

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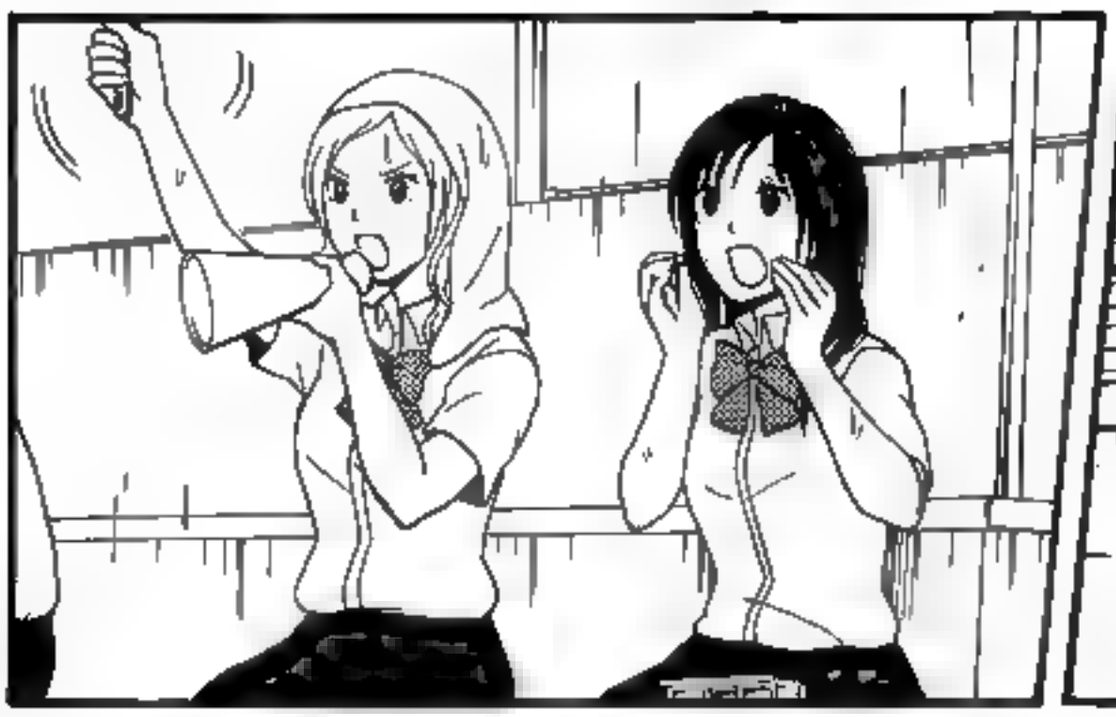

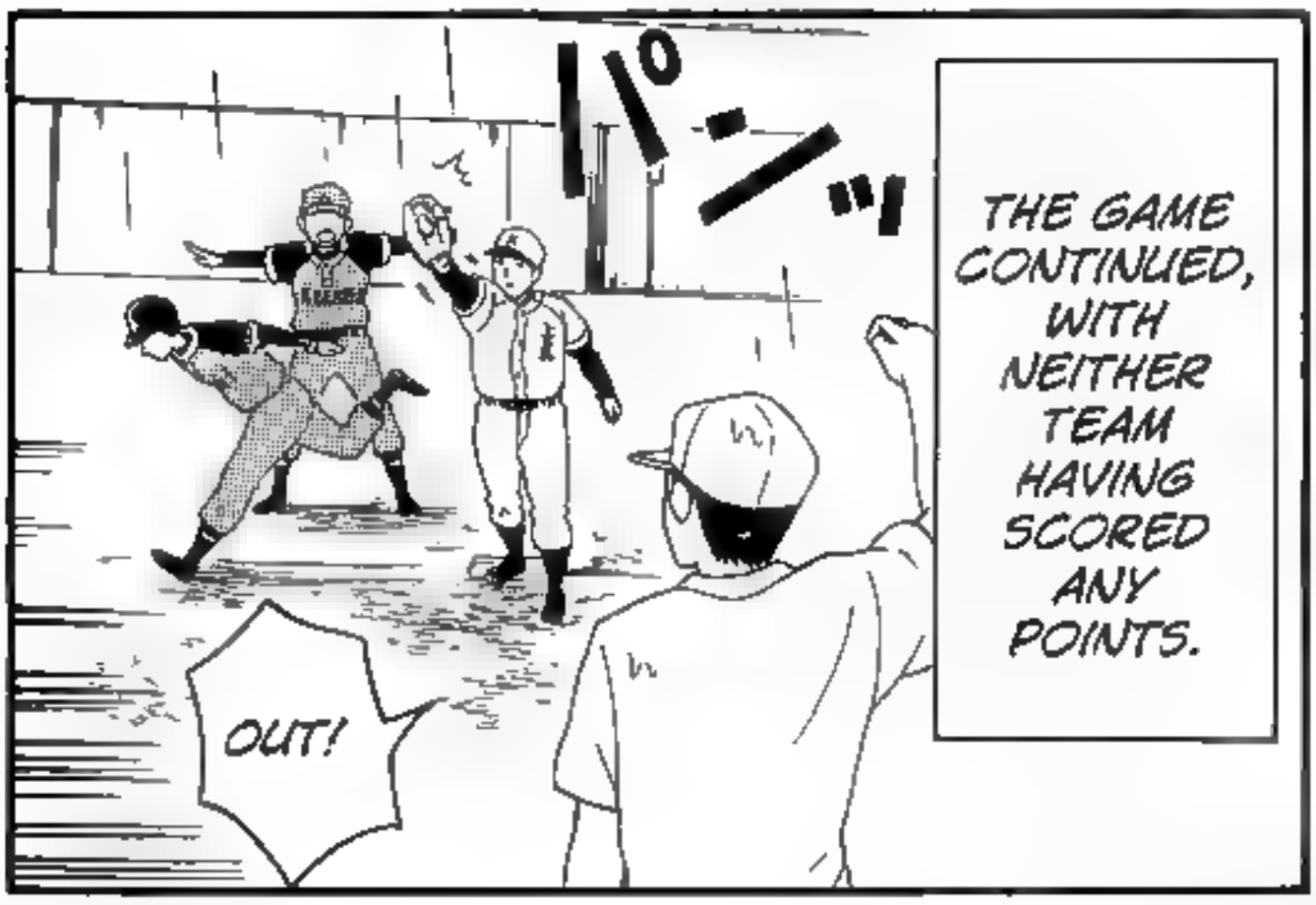
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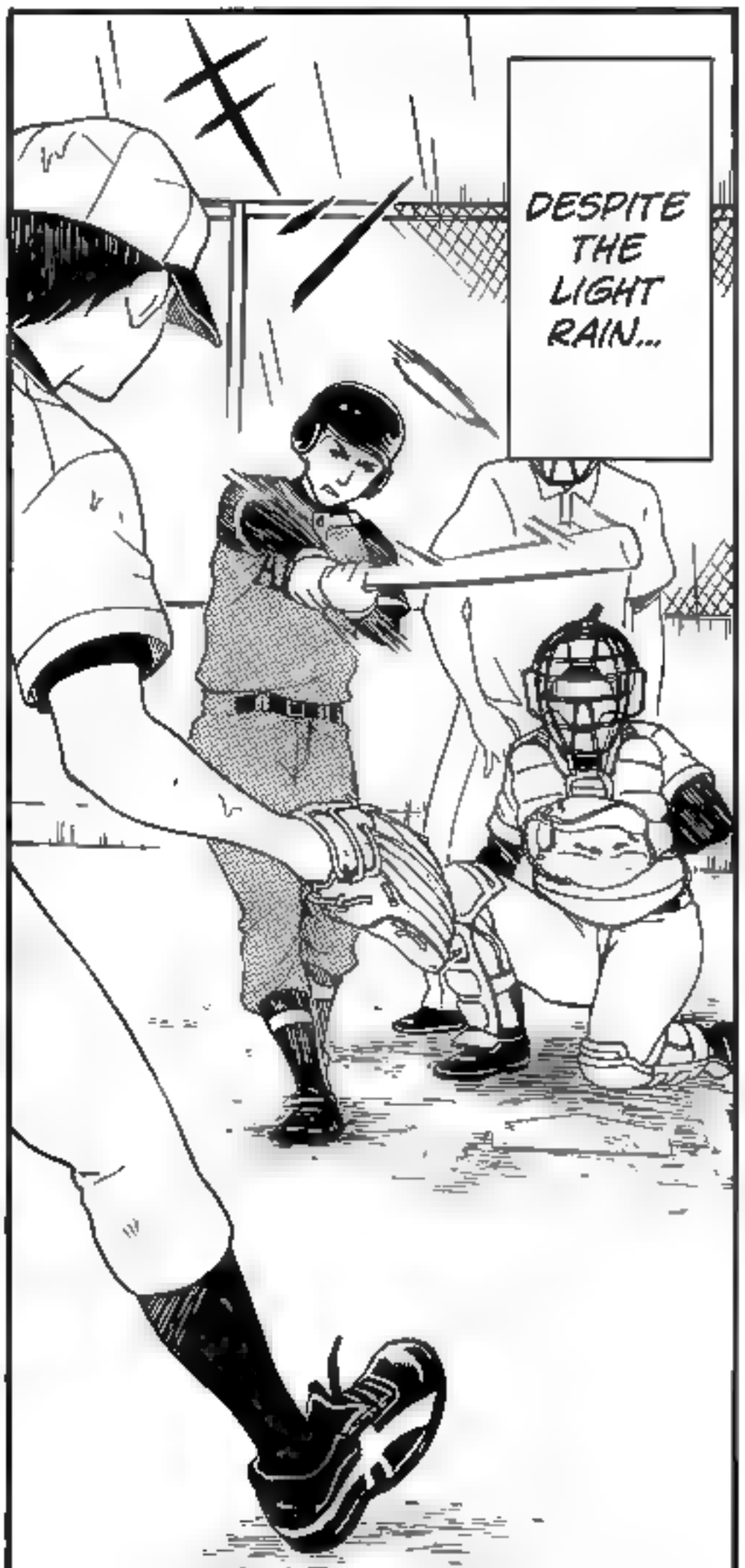
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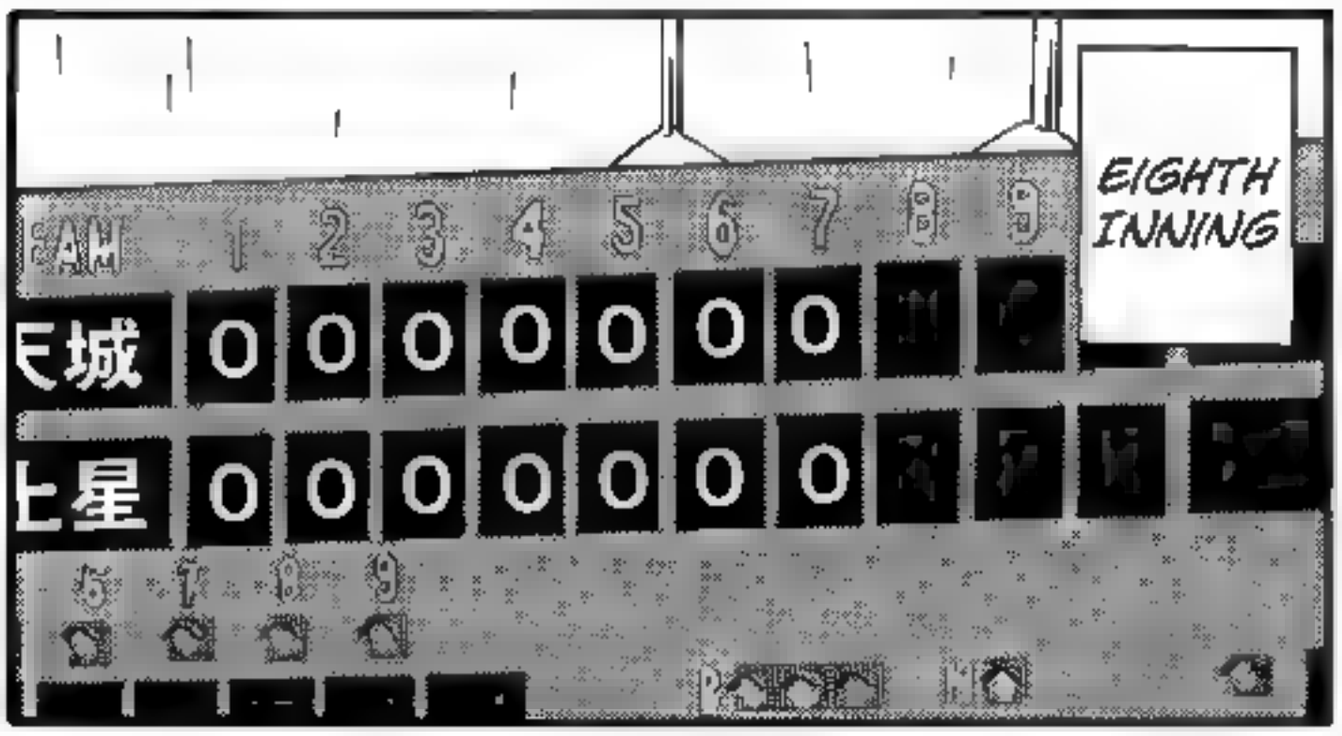
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BALL!

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LOOKS LIKE YUGAMI'S GETTING TIRED.

OF COURSE HE'D BE EXHAUSTED AFTER PITCHING SO FORCEFULLY LIKE THAT.

AND HE'S STOPPED LOOKING AT THE CAMERA.

HIS CONTROL IS GETTING WORSE...

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!!

YUGAMI-KUN, YOU'RE ON CAMERA!!

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IT'LL BE A MIRACLE IF HE LASTS UNTIL THE END OF THE GAME.

HE'S ALSO BATTING REALLY STRONGLY TODAY. IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN HIS NORMAL FORM.

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STOP BEING SO STUBBORN AND JUST TRUST YOUR TEAMMATES!

I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES, YOU CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL ON YOUR OWN!

BUT YOU CAN'T DODGE THEM FOR-EVER WITH SHEER SPIRIT ALONE.

WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CURB THEM...

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I WOULD HAVE TRUSTED THEM IF THEY WERE GOOD.

LISTEN, KADOTA...

IF YOU ASK ME TO TRUST YOU, THEN SHOW ME DECENT SKILL AND REAL DATA TO BACK IT UP!! IF I TRUSTED YOU WITHOUT THOSE AND THEN WE LOST, I'D REGRET IT FOREVER!

I'M NOT LIKE THE CAPTAIN! IF HE'S TOLD TO TRUST SOMEONE, I BET HE'D ACTUALLY GO AHEAD AND DO SO. I'M DEFINITELY NOT THAT KIND OF GUY!!

BUT I WOULD NEVER TRUST YOU BLINDLY WITHOUT ANY BASIS. GIVING YOU MY TRUST WHEN YOU ACTUALLY SUCK WOULDN'T BENEFIT ME.

HE'S ENER-GETIC...

IF HE CAN BABBLE SO MUCH, THEN HE MUST BE OKAY.

BAB-BLING

BAB-BLING

SO RATHER THAN BLINDLY TRUSTING IN YOU AND LOSING, I CHOOSE NOT TO TRUST AND WIN!! IN SHORT...

WHETHER TRUSTING OTHERS IS WORTH-WHILE OR NOT, IT'S VERY RARE FOR ANY-BODY TO MAKE SUCH A FUSS ABOUT IT!

YEAH, WHAT-EVER...

TRUSTING YOUR TEAMMATES IS THE NORMAL THING TO DO!

SFX: CLICK

TEXT: HERE!

TEXT: GOT ICE?

YUGAMI'S PUSHING HIMSELF A BIT TOO HARD TODAY.

HOW ABOUT TELLING HIM TO PLAY IT SAFER?

THAT WON'T WORK.

KADOTA, BEFORE YOU'RE UP NEXT, MAKE SURE YOU DRINK LOTS OF WATER!

YES!!

ARRGH, I'M SO PISSED!

THIS IS NOTHING NEW.

GRIN-DING

DAMN IT, WHY THE HECK AM I SO ANNOYED!?

THAT GUY DOESN'T TRUST OUR TEAM'S ABILITY. HE'S PLANNING TO WIN THIS GAME ON HIS OWN.

JUST AROUND 65%.

MAYBE HE DOESN'T MEAN WHAT HE SAID 100%.

DAMN, I SAID IT.

I SHOULD HAVE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT.

WHAT!? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!?

NO MATTER WHAT THE PERCENTAGE IS, I'M STILL PISSED AT THE THOUGHT!!

HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THOSE NUM-BERS...?

PERSONALLY, I THINK HE WAS 75% SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT HE SAID...

SO LET'S CONSIDER THAT 35% TO BE 100% OF THE TRUST YUGAMI IS CAPABLE OF GIVING!

IN OTHER WORDS, HE STILL TRUSTS US ABOUT 35%.

CAPTAIN, I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AT ALL.

#8, PITCHER, YUGAMI.

STRIKE!

DOES HE HAVE THE ENERGY LEFT TO BAT?

YUGAMI MUST BE PRETTY EXHAUSTED BY NOW.

HIS RESPONSE IS DULL...

AMAGI

I'D EXPECT NOTH-ING LESS.

HE HAS BALLS.

BALL!

SFX: SMACK

I'VE KNOWN YUGAMI-SAN FOR A LONG TIME.

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SFX: SMACK

NOT TO MENTION THAT FUJISAWA-SAN IS STILL SENDING ME MESSAGES...

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The heat this year feels so extreme but hope that you're taking care of your health.

EVEN THOUGH I WAS PLAYING RIGHT FIELD ORIGINALLY, I BECAME A CATCHER BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE WANTED TO PLAY WITH HIM...

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EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IN THE UPPER GRADE WHEN WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T TALK MUCH, SOME-HOW HE STILL MANAGED TO GIVE ME PROBLEMS...

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WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME! DON'T GO AWAY!

YUGAMI-KUN!

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SFX: SWOOSH

SHOULD I JUST QUIT BEING A CATCHER...?

WHY THE HELL DO I NEED TO CATCH HIS BALL!?

BABBLE

BABBLE

HE'S NOT NICE AT ALL!

AND TO TOP IT OFF...

NOTHING ABOUT OUR RE-LATION-SHIP HAS EVER BEEN GOOD.

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BALL!

DON'T HANG IN THERE! IT'S DANGEROUS. YOU'RE MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PITCH!!

THIS GUY...!

YOU'RE THE CATCHER; YOU SHOULD WARN HIM!!

KADOTA!

SFX: HAA HAA

IF YOU HIT THE BALL, THEN THAT'S THE END FOR YOUR TEAM!! THIS GUY'S PISSING ME OFF!!

MAYBE HE'S SO WORKED UP THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE HOW LITTLE STRENGTH HE HAS LEFT.

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SFX: MUMBLE

WHATCHA THINKING ABOUT THERE!? KEEP AN EYE ON YUGAMI! YUGAMI!

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SFX: PHEW...

DON'T EVEN DREAM--

YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH STRENGTH WITH THAT BATTING FORM.

AMAGI

OF HITTING MY PITCH!!!

SFX: HAA HAA

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I... I'M... OKAY.

UGH ...

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY!?

SFX: SCRATCH

SFX: PAT

OWW!! ANYWAY ...

I'M OKAY! IT'S JUST MY BUTT.

UGGHH

YUGAMI-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY!

HUH? AH, YES!

KADOTA, YOU KNOW HOW TO BAT, RIGHT?

SO GO AND BAT!

LOOK, I'M FINALLY OUT ON THE BASE!

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SFX: WOBBLE

SFX: BOW

GOOD LUCK KAMINOSU!

DON'T TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY, OKAY?

HAYASHI-YAMA...? HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?

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You don't need to bow. Nobody's looking.

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I'LL WIN THIS ON MY OWN!!

THE DEFENSE OF THIRD AND LEFT SUCKS, SO I CAN'T TRUST THEM!

IWAKI

MEGURO

TRUE TO HIS CHARACTER, YUGAMI OPENLY SHOWED HIS DISTRUST.

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, KAMIHOSHI HIGH MANAGED TO GO TO THE SEMI-FINAL.

SFX: WOBBLE, HAA HAA

KAMIHOSHI DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER ACES, SO THIS IS A PAIN FOR THE TEAM.

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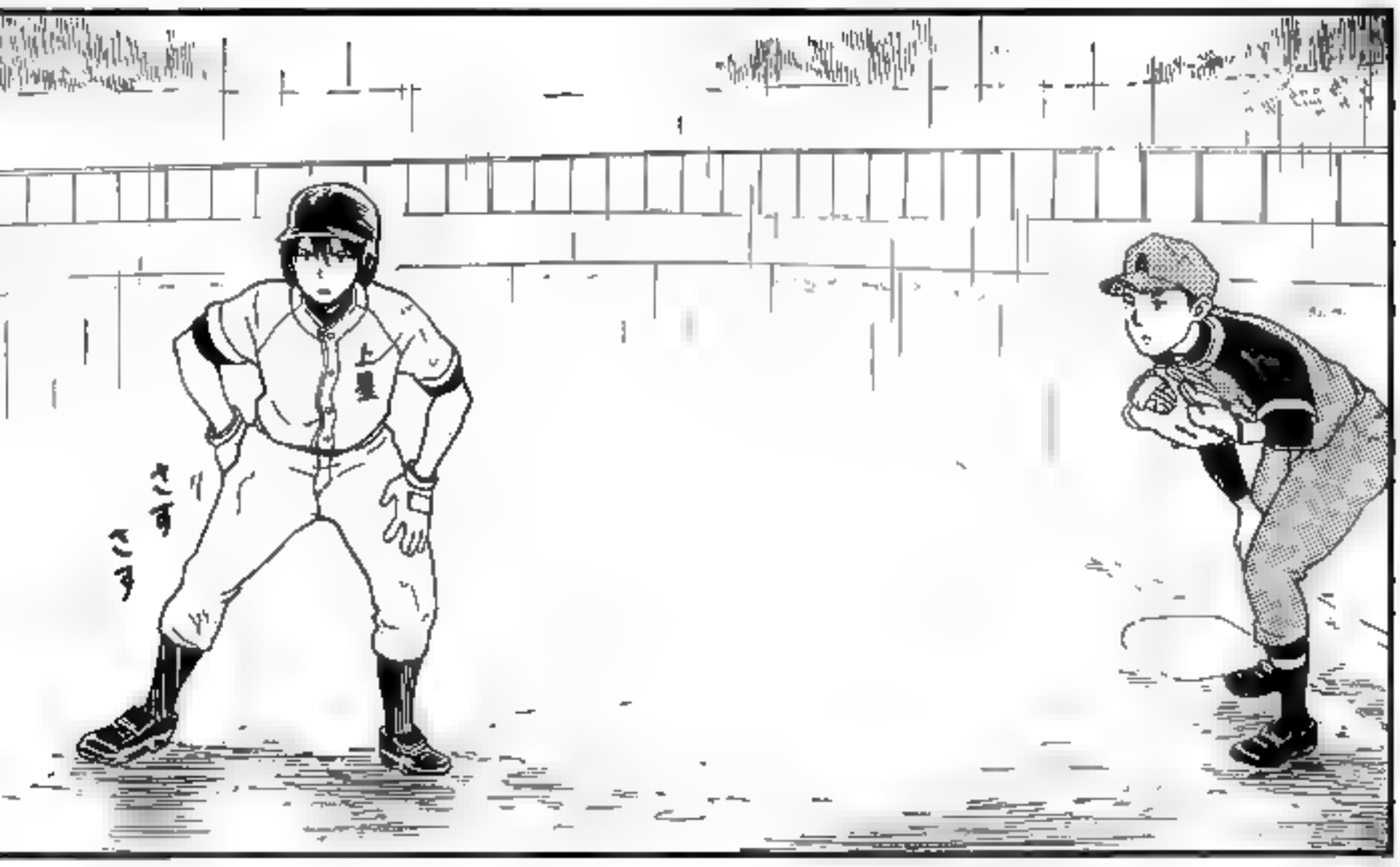
HE'S GOING STRAIGHT DOWN THE PATH OF SELF-DESTRUC-TION!

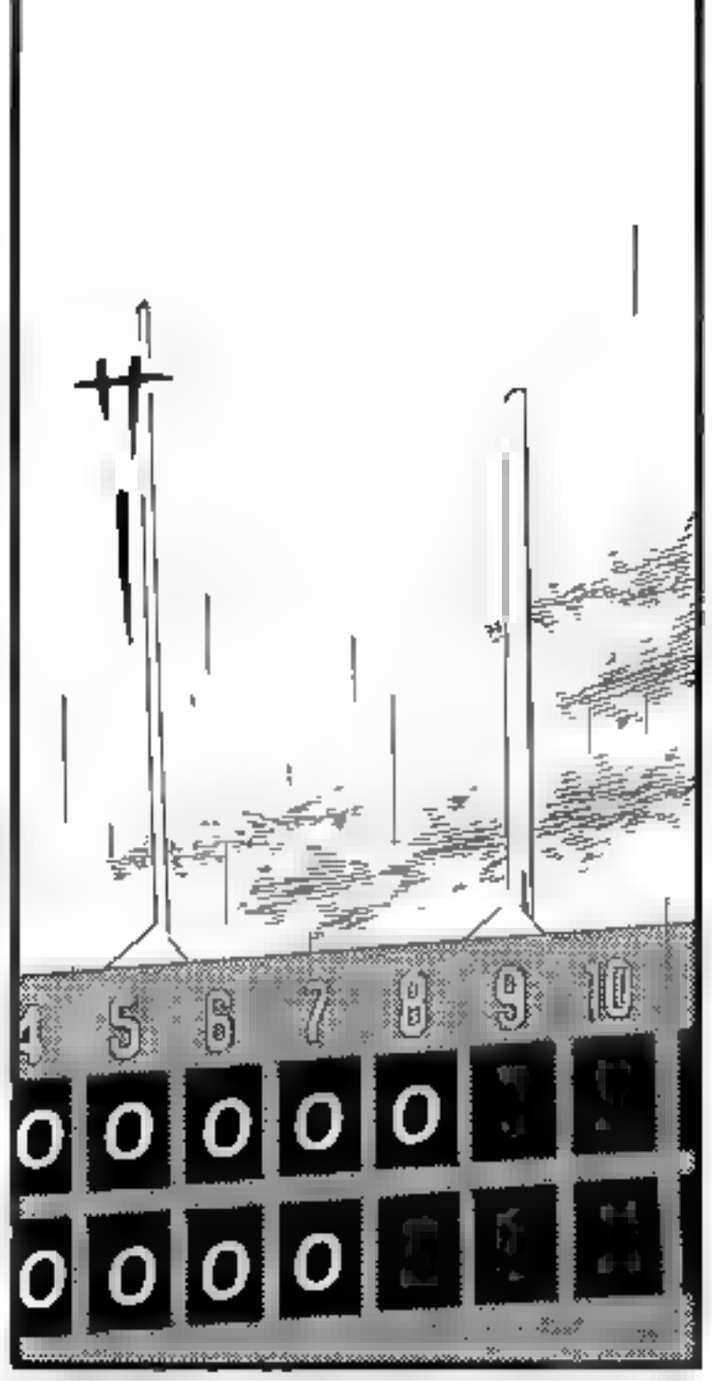
THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY COULD WIN ON THEIR OWN.

AMIDST THE DRAMA, YUGAMI'S OFF TO THE FIRST BASE WITH A DEAD BALL!

THUS, AN UNTIMELY FIGHT ERUPTED WITHIN THE KAMIHOSHI BATTERY...

HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED HOW MUCH HELP HE GETS FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM!

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GO BAT!
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I CAN'T REACH IT AT ALL!

DAMN, THAT'S ONE GOOD COURSE...!

STRIKE!!

HAYASHIYAMA-SAN DOESN'T LOOK NERVOUS AT ALL...!

IF WE USE IT WELL, IT'LL BE A BIG ADVANTAGE

YUGAMI HAS THICK SKIN WHICH IS ONE OF HIS STRONG POINTS

DEAD BALL... ON TOP OF THAT, IT WAS DELIVERED BY THE ACE OF A STRONG TEAM.

I WON'T BE SHAKEN SO EASILY,

BUT I KNOW THAT I'VE WORKED HARD TO MUSTER THIS CONFI-DENCE...

SINCE I PRACTICE HARD EVERY DAY. AND THERE'S ALSO...

WOW... I'M QUITE SURPRISED AT HOW CALM I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW.

THE DAILY AFFIRMATION!!

I CAN DEFINITELY PITCH ANY BALL WITH A CALM COMPOSURE!

AFFIRMATION IS POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT THAT'S REPEATED OFTEN TO SUBCONSCIOUSLY DEVELOP A MOTIVATION TO ACHIEVE ONE'S GOALS.

Bath Time

I WILL BE POPULAR WITH GIRLS!!

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Even in the toilet

Grooming Time

I WILL IMPROVE MYSELF IN EVERY WAY EVERY DAY!

THAT'S RIGHT... I'VE BEEN REBORN THROUGH DAILY AFFIRMATION. I'M SURE THAT...

HEY, DON'T COME IN!!

MASAKI, HAVE YOU GONE NUTS?

I AM TALENTED. I CAN UTILIZE MY STRENGTH TO THE MAX IN EVERY SITUATI...

Before Bed

...!?

PITCH WELL, JUST AS I ALWAYS DO!!

STRIKE!!

I CAN DEFINITELY

WHY... ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!?

KADOTA...!?

That's right.. Why do I keep helping that guy? There has to be a reason behind it

HE'S MY TEAMMATE, SO IT'S A GIVEN, I GUESS...

HUH? HMMM...

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HELP YUGAMI-KUN?

HEY, HAYASHIYA-MA-KUN.

RIGHT?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TREASURE OUR FRIENDS.

AND NOW THAT KADOTA...

HE'S GLARING AT ME FULL OF HATRED!!

IS IT BECAUSE I HIT YUGAMI!?!?

COOL! YOU'RE SO MATURE, HAYASHIYAMA-KUN!!

WE'RE BOTH IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF THE DEAD BALL. I DON'T HOLD ANY GRUDGE AGAINST YOU,

BUT I STILL WANT TO RUN TO THE FIRST BASE!

SORRY, HAYASHI-YAMA-SAN!

DID HE JUST CLICK HIS TONGUE AT ME!?

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I'VE GOTTA LIVE UP TO YUGAMI-SAN'S EXPECTATIONS!

HE CAN'T TRUST IWAKI-SENPAI AND MEGURO-SENPAI,

BUT AT LEAST HE SEEMS TO TRUST ME A BIT...

Go Bat!

You know how to bat, right?

KADOTA LOOKS AS IF HE'S WIELDING A SWORD INSTEAD OF A BAT...

IF I HADN'T PERFORMED THE AFFIRMATION, I'D FEEL THREATENED.

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I WILL OVERCOME THIS BATTLE AND MAKE HIM BOW TO MY DEMANDS!!

I DON'T TRUST THEM.

NO WAY!

IF I CAN DO THAT, I'LL HAVE MORE LEEWAY TO TELL HIM OFF!

THAT WEIRDO!!

ARR-GHHH !!

I CAN DEFINITELY PITCH WELL, JUST AS I ALWAYS DO!

I WILL IMPROVE IN EVERY WAY EVERY DAY.

DAMN, IT FELL.

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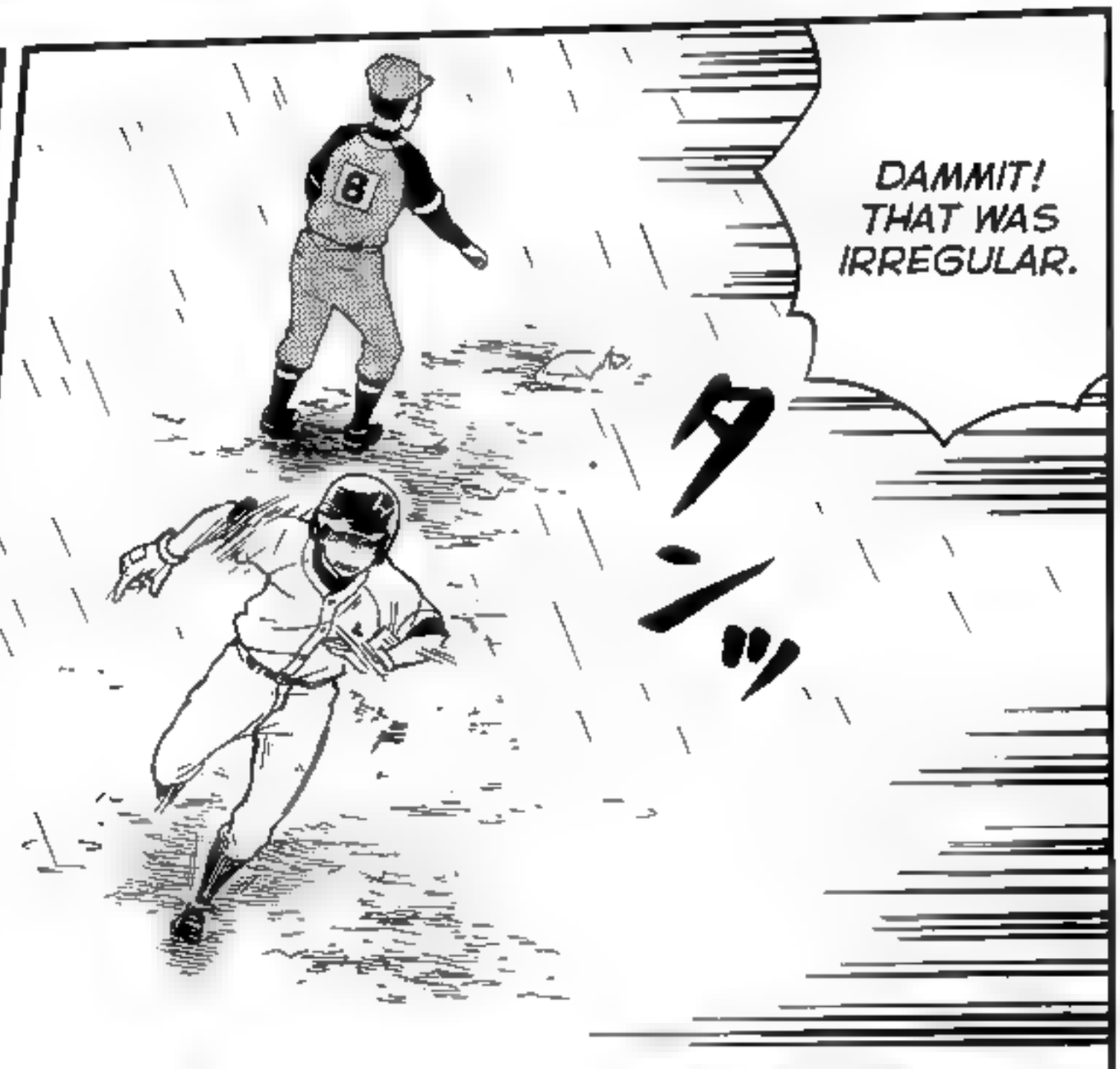
DAMMIT! THAT WAS IRREGULAR.
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STOP THERE!! STOP THERE!!

DON'T PUSH IT!!!

HE'S GONE TO THE THIRD BASE!!

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IF WE KEEP THIS UP FOR ONE MORE ROUND, WE'LL WIN!!

THAT'S A GOOD START-ING POINT!!

YU-GAMI'S PRETTY AWE-SOME, HUH?

KADOTA-KUN SHOULDN'T BE TOO PUSHY AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

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OUT!!

THEIR IMPRESSION OF YUGAMI IS CHANGING...

I DIDN'T KNOW YUGAMI COULD GET SO INTO IT.

WHAT A SHOCK; HE KICKED THE THIRD BASE! WAY TO GO, MAN!

REALLY? DOESN'T HE LOOK A BIT LIKE A THUG? HE COMPLAINS A LOT TOO!

A THUG I'VE HEARD THAT BEING SAID BEFORE.

WELL, I THOUGHT HE WAS VERY RESERVED. HE MOSTLY KEEPS TO HIMSELF.

RESER-VED. ?

QUIET ..?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE SAME CLASS AS YUGAMI, BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS A QUIET GUY.

BUT YUGAMI'S REALLY GIVING IT HIS ALL OUT THERE, SO LET'S SUPPORT HIM!

HE HAS A TER-RIBLE REPUTA-TION!!

HE'S ALWAYS SMIRKING. SO GROSS!

I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH HIM AT ALL.

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GOOD FOR YOU, YUGAMI-KUN! YOU'VE GONE UP ONE LEVEL, FROM A CLASSMATE NOBODY WANTED TO CHEER FOR TO A CLASSMATE THEY DON'T MIND SUPPORTING!

YUGAMI, GO FOR IT

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SFX: WHEEZE

HEY, YOU'RE NOT INJURED, RIGHT?

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SFX: WHEEZE

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SFX: WHEEZE WHEEZE

HE WAS SUCH A CAREFREE GUY...

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M REALLY INTO IT.

BASEBALL? I ONLY PLAY BECAUSE I'M GOOD AT IT.

I THOUGHT THAT.

MAYBE I WAS WRONG.

THAT YUGA!! I GUESS HE DOESN'T THINK ABOUT INJURIES OR THE NEXT GAME...

HE'S BURNED OUT!!

HE COULD BE REALLY PERSISTENT WHEN HE WANTED SOMETHING.

THIS CANDY WRAPPER HAS A BELL MARK ON IT.

DOES IT HAVE A BELL MARK?

CAN I HAVE THE BELL MARK WHEN YOU FINISH DRINKING THAT?

STOP IT! THAT'S SO EMBARRASSING!

BRAND NEW BELL MARK

I MIGHT HAVE HAD THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF HIM.

AMAGI

ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?

HAYASHI-YAMA!

I SHOULD STRIVE TO BE THE BEST!!

ALL I CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS FOLLOW YUGAMI'S LEAD.

LET'S SCORE A POINT BACK!

I'M FINE.

YUGAMI, NICE PLAY!

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SFX: HAA HAA

UNIFORM: KAMIHOSHI

WELL, MAYBE HE JUST DOESN'T THINK AHEAD.

IT'LL BE A PAIN FOR ALL OF US IF HE GETS INJURED!

WHY DID HE PULL THAT HEAD-SLIDING STUNT!?

IDIOT ...

COME TO THINK OF IT, MAYBE WE'RE NOT TAKING THIS GAME AS SERIOUSLY AS YUGAMI?

I GUESS ONLY THOSE WHO GIVE IT THEIR ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HIM NOW.

YUGAMI HAS BEEN DOING EVERYTHING HE COULD FOR THIS VERY MOMENT.

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I'M REALLY SORRY FOR MY ERROR...

YUGAMI!

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KADOTA!

AREN'T YOU GONNA SAY ANYTHING TO HIM?

I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE FIGHTING EARLIER.

DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU OUT?

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WHAT HAPPENED EXACTLY?

IT'S JUST... I WAS SO PISSED OFF WHEN YUGAMI-SAN SAID THAT HE DOESN'T TRUST OUR TEAM.

THAT'S THE MAIN REASON FOR OUR SQUABBLE.

NO... IT'S OKAY.

WE'LL SETTLE THIS PROBLEM OUR-SELVES.

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HOWEVER! I DO THINK THAT HE LACKS AWARENESS BECAUSE EVERYONE JUST LETS HIM DO AS HE PLEASES!!

BUT IN REALITY... IT SEEMS LIKE HE JUST DOESN'T TRUST IWAKI-SENPAI AND MEGURO-SENPAI...

IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, THEN I GUESS IT'S NOT TOO BAD.

That's not too bad?

THAT'S NOTHING NEW, COMING FROM HIM. IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO BRING IT UP NOW!?

Do what you like after the game

HMM...

He has no sense of gratitude towards other people

But for now, let's focus on the game

I really wanna knock him out!

I GUESS PEOPLE JUST GIVE HIM LEEWAY BECAUSE HE WORKS HARD AND BRINGS GOOD RESULTS.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT EVERYONE THINKS OF YUGAMI-SAN,

YUGAMI-SAN!

THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA CONCEDE FIRST THIS TIME,

I'M ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE.

ACTUALLY... DOES THAT GUY EVEN REALIZE THAT KADOTA IS MAD AT HIM...?

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

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SO... WON'T YOU PLEASE TRUST ME THIS TIME, YUGAMI-SAN?

I'VE MADE A THOROUGH PLAN BASED ON MY RESEARCH OF THE AMAGI PLAYERS.

INSTEAD OF RELYING ON YOUR STAMINA, HOW ABOUT FOCUSING ON THE CURVE BALL?

LISTEN, YUGAMI-SAN. NOW THAT PITCHING ISN'T A PROBLEM ANYMORE,

HEY... ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE COMPLETELY DRAINED.

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WAIT, YOU AGREE!? GREAT!!

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SFX: EXHAUSTED

WAIT HERE! I'M GONNA SHOW YOU MY NOTES!

JUST AVOID GETTING HURT!

PLEASE!!

IF YOU PUSH YOURSELF WHEN YOU'RE TIRED, YOU MIGHT GET INJURED!

WOULD YOU STOP BEING RECKLESS? YOU'RE THE ONLY ACE PLAYER WE'VE GOT, YOU KNOW!

GOODNESS! HE CAN'T EVEN SPEAK NOW...

IS HE REALLY GONNA BE OKAY!?

EXHAUSTED

YOU SAID IT.

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BURNED OUT INTO ASHES ALREADY...

IS... IS YUGAMI-KUN ALRIGHT...?

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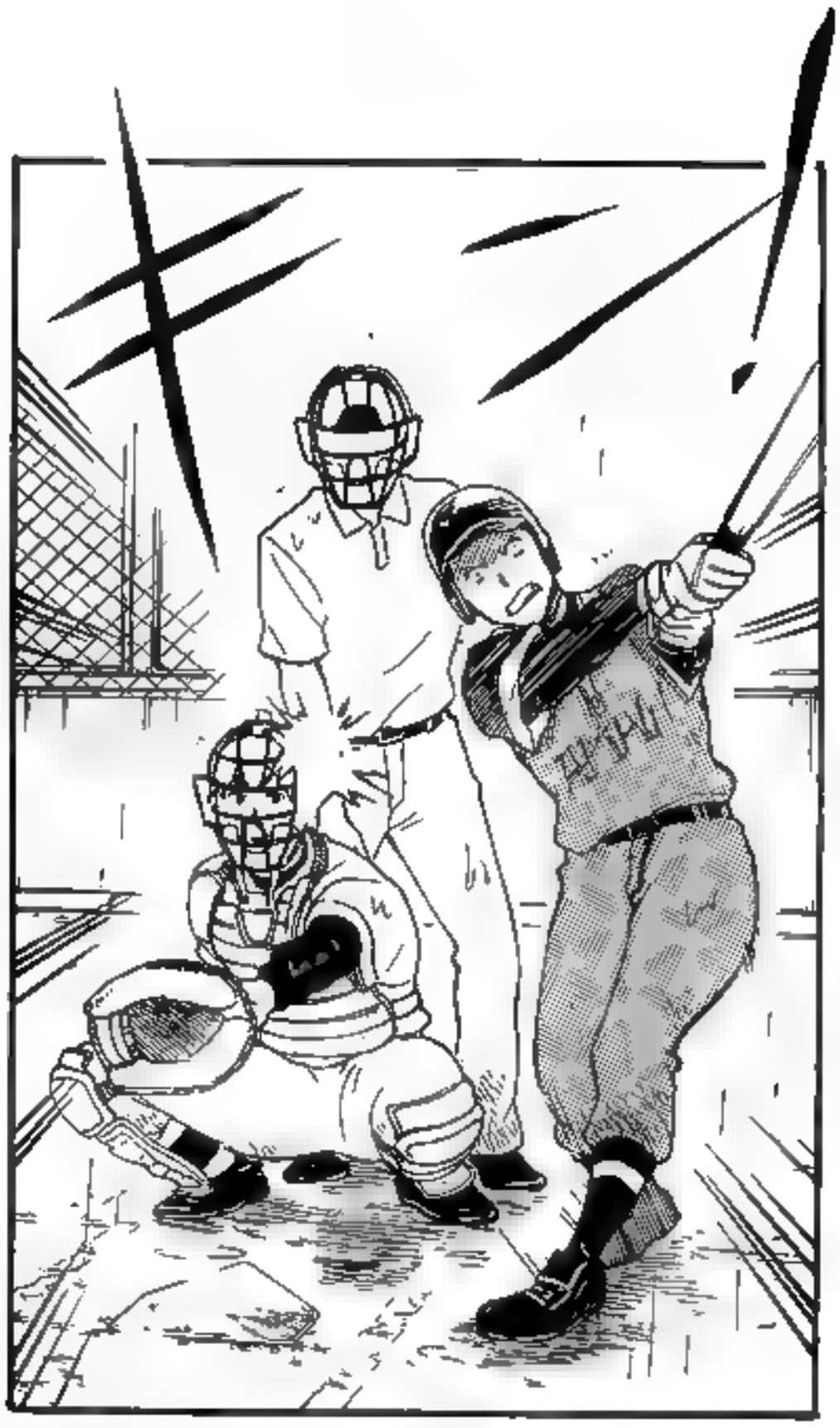

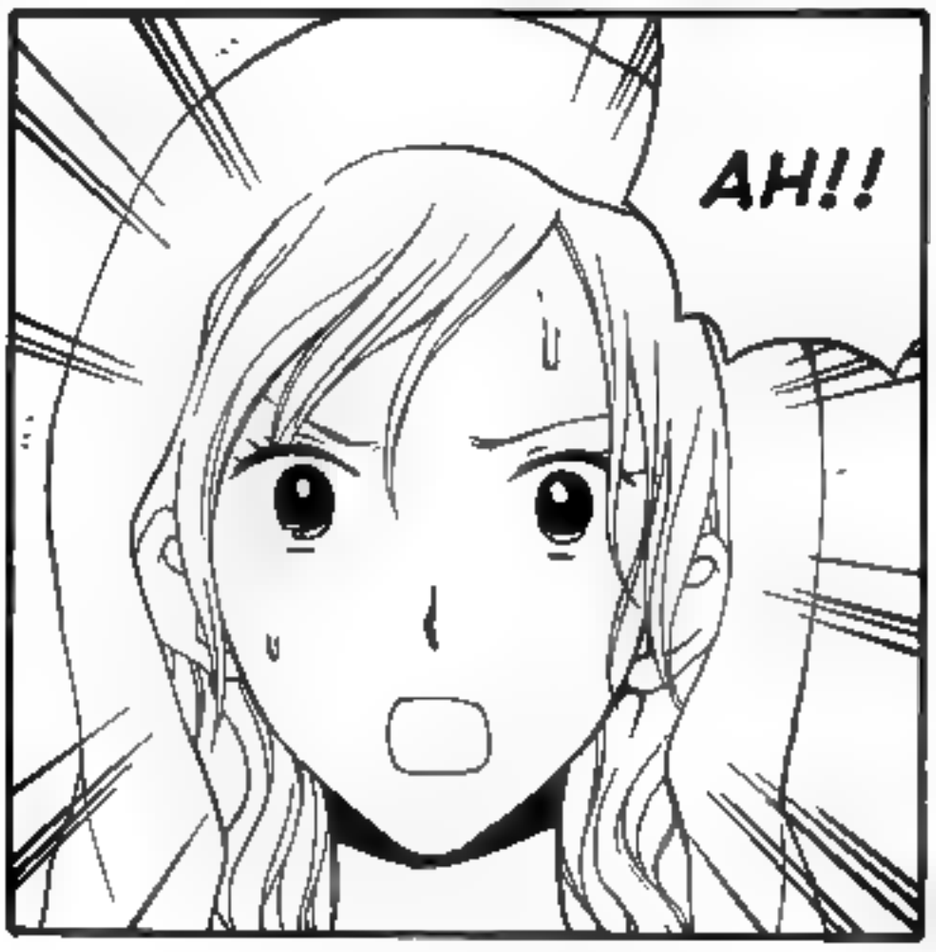
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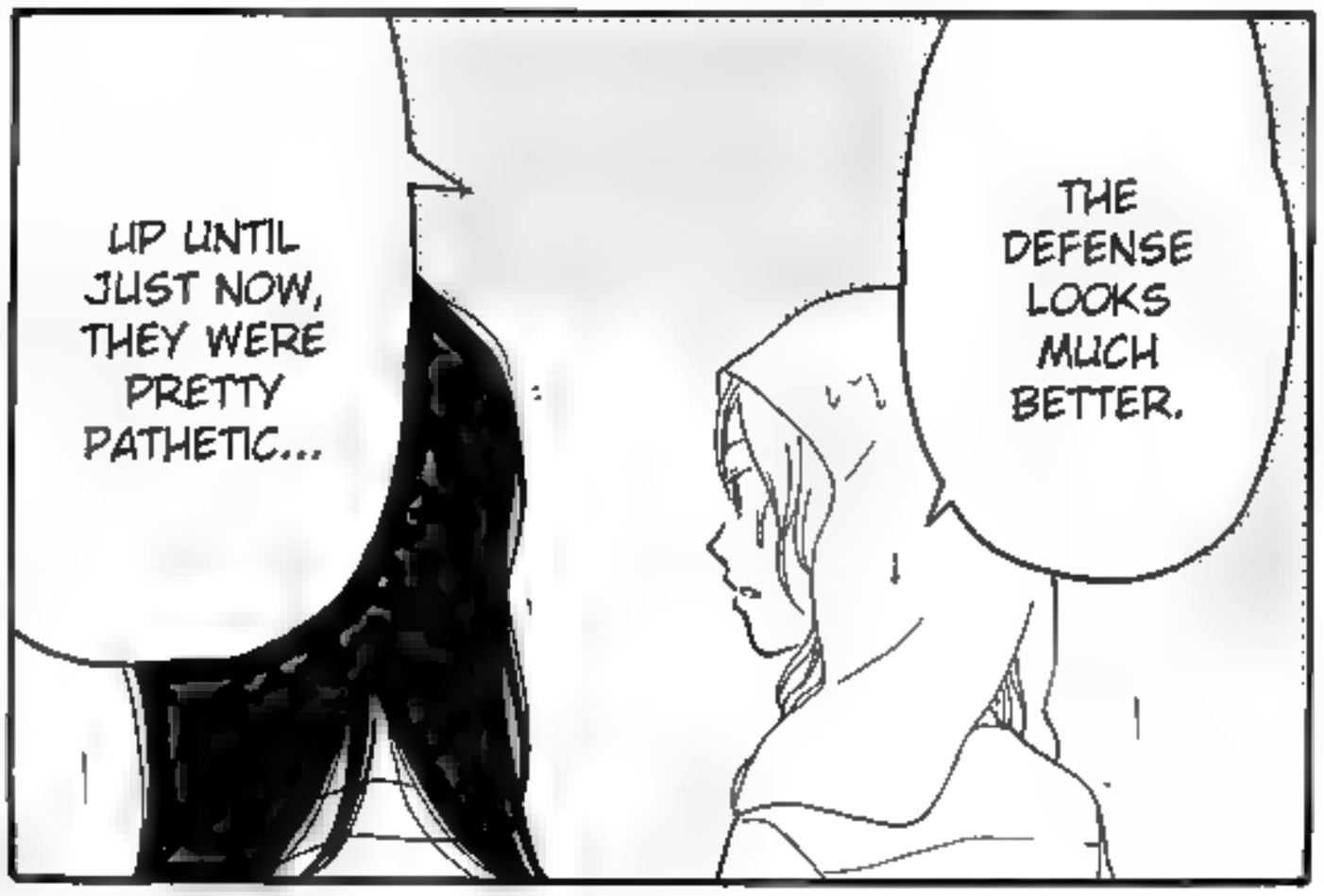
UP UNTIL JUST NOW, THEY WERE PRETTY PATHETIC...
THE DEFENSE LOOKS MUCH BETTER.

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I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS, BUT I SUSPECT THAT YUGAMI-KUN'S JUST TOO TIRED TO THINK NOW...

WHEN EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE, THE TEAM'S MOVEMENTS GET BETTER!

YUGAMI-KUN NODDED TO THAT SIGN!

SO THE TEAM MEMBERS' FEELINGS FINALLY REACHED HIM...

BALL!

BALL FOUR!

THE RAIN MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PITCH, NOT TO MENTION THAT HIS STAMINA IS SO LOW.

THAT YUGAMI... HE'S FOCUSING ON THE SPEED CHANGE NOW.

IT MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY STRIKES IN THIS SITUATION.

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BALL FOUR !!

AFTER THAT, YUGAMI-KUN COULDN'T GET ANY STRIKES...

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A WILD PITCH!! RUN! RUN!!

THE BASES WERE SOON FULL... THE TEAM'S IN BIG TROUBLE.
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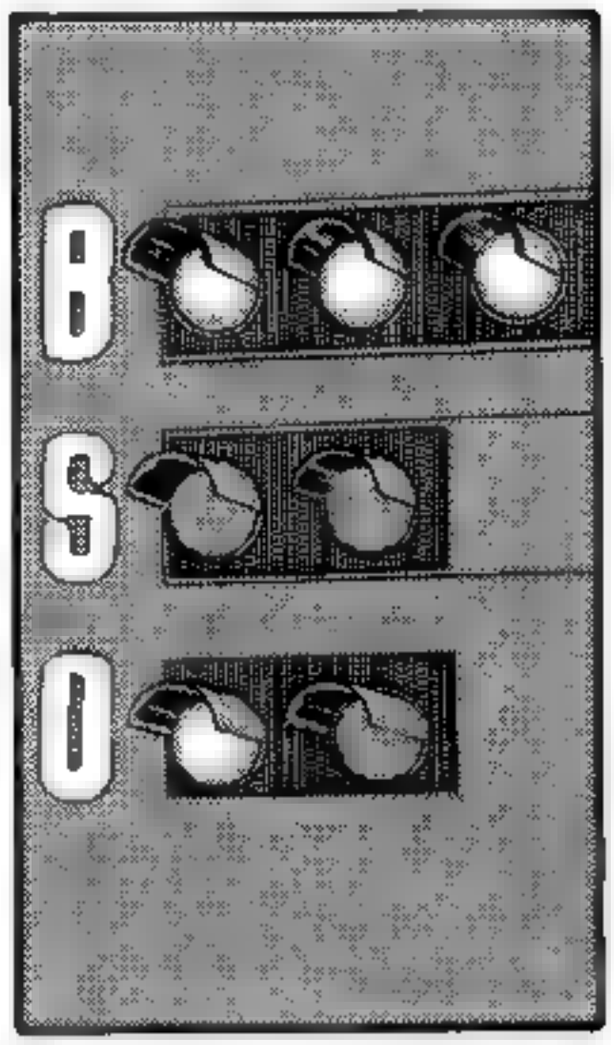
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GREAT! THAT'S A GOOD HIT.

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SFX: WHOOAAAAA...

SFX: JGGDDOO

IWAKI-SAN PULLED A DOUBLE PLAY!!

HUH!? BUT... DON'T WE NEED ONE MORE OUT TO WIN?

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Dunno, but who cares? We won!!

What's a double play!?

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WE WON!!

CHANTING: WAA WAA WAA

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Iwaki! Amazing! Amazing! ... You're the best, Man! Senpai!!

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SFX: WAAAAAAAAAAAA

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YES SIR!!

LET'S GREET OUR SUPPORT-ERS!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

AT-TEN-TION!

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BUT WE WON, SO WHY!?

WOW, HE LOOKS EXTREMELY UNHAPPY...

GUYS thank you!!

HUH? YUGAMI-KUN IS THE ONLY ONE GOING AWAY...

SFX: TUG

YOU THINK SO...? I REALLY DON'T GET HIS TWISTED LOGIC AT ALL...

MAYBE HE'S UPSET BECAUSE IWAKI-SAN STOLE HIS THUNDER AND TOOK THE GLORY AS A HERO...

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OKAY.

I MUST HAVE A TALK WITH YUGAMI-KUN... I'VE DECIDED TO FACE HIM HEAD-ON.

LET'S GO, WATANUKI-SAN!

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WHAT DOES SHE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH BY FACING YUGAMI-KUN HEAD-ON...?

FUJISAWA-SAN...

SFX: FLINCH

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...FOR US.

THANK YOU FOR CHEERING F...

AH, HI THERE. HELLO.

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SIGH

FUJISAWA-SAN WANTS TO TALK TO YUGAMI-KUN.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND...

HEY, KADOTA-KUN. WHERE'S YUGAMI-KUN?

THAT'S A RELIEF!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIM...

AH-AHH~~ I SEE! SO YOU WANT TO SEE YUGAMI-SAN, HUH?

HE'S GONE MISSING, YOU KNOW?

HE DISAPPEARED WITH OUR COACH AFTER THE GAME.

WHAT ...!?

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BANGAIHEN - SPECIAL EXTRA

SINCE I'M A TRANSFER STUDENT, I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.

MY NAME'S WATANUKI CHIHIRO.

DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS EITHER.

YUGAMI YUUJI-KUN, WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO ME,

IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAS SOME SELF-MADE RULES THAT HE STICKS BY.

HE REFUSED MY OFFER OF FRIENDSHIP ONCE BEFORE.

IT'S NOT LIKE I EXPECT ANYTHING FROM YOU.

LET'S NOT!

YUGAMI-KUN, LET'S BE FRIENDS FROM NOW ON.

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FINAL TEST

ENGLISH 8:50 - 9:40

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9:55 - 10:25

MODERN JAPANESE 11:00 - 11:50

YU...

YUGAMI-KUN...

COULD YOU...

REPEAT THAT LIST OF WORDS? THEY'LL DEFINITELY BE ON THE TEST...

YOU MADE YOUR DECISION JUST BY LOOKING AT OTHER PEOPLE.

SORRY, BUT THE OTHERS ARE SERIOUSLY CRAMMING NOW, SO I'D FEEL BAD ASKING THEM.

Yugami-kun looks free anyway.

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It's just so.

I FEEL BAD ABOUT ASKING, BUT I DO WANT TO KNOW.

THAT'S RIGHT...

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AH, SO THE WORDS ARE THOSE YOU CIRCLED. THANKS!

IF YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION BASED ON OTHER PEOPLE, YOU REVEAL HOW INSECURE YOU ARE!

THE PROBLEM IS... YOU'VE GOT THIS HABIT OF ALWAYS RELYING ON OTHER PEOPLE.

SFX: SNAP

WHAT!?

I'VE GOT IT!! IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR HABIT!!

IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL BE MORE CONFIDENT AND HAVE MORE FRIENDS.

TURN ADVERSITY INTO STRENGTH!

TEST IN PROGRESS

BE QUIET!

IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE YUGAMI-KUN...

WELL, HE'S THAT KIND OF A GUY.

YUGAMI-KUN IS ACTUALLY PRETTY SMART.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM...?

SCRA-TCH

FUU

UHM...

ISN'T THAT...?

HM?

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SFX: EXHAUSTED

WHY INDEED.

HUH!?

WHY DID YOU USE THAT PEN FOR THE TEST?

THAT'S THE BALLPOINT PEN THEY GAVE OUT AT SCHOOL THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?

HEY. TELL ME, YUGAMI-KUN...

ALRIGHT! WITH THIS, MY PREP FOR TOMOR-ROW'S TEST IS PERFECT.

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English

現代国語 II

WHAT?

HANG ON...

MAYBE IT'S BE-CAUSE...

ONII-CHAN, DINNER'S

I CAN'T SEE ANY REASON FOR YOU TO REFUSE.

DON'T BOTHER!

WHAT? YOU FORGOT YOUR WRITING GEAR?

WANT ME TO LEND YOU A MECHANICAL PENCIL?

THAT'S WHY THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE!!

IF I CAN AVOID MAKING ANY MISTAKES, THAT MEANS I'VE INCREASED MY ABILITY TO FOCUS ON THE TASK.

I JUST NEED TO VERY CAREFULLY WRITE THE ANSWERS WITH THIS PEN.

IMPROVING YOURSELF DAILY MEANS INCREASING YOUR SELF-WORTH.

TURN ADVERSITY INTO STRENGTH!

BOX: PRACTICE

I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR MORE THAN 3 MONTHS NOW, BUT I STILL DON'T GET HIM AT ALL...

WHAT'S HE TRYING TO PROVE ANYWAY?

IF YOU MANAGE TO PERSEVERE THROUGH THE PAIN, THERE'S LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

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THE NEXT DAY

SFX: SCRITCH SCRITCH

私語厳禁！
テスト中！！

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WELL, YOU BROUGHT IT UPON YOURSELF.

MAN... YESTERDAY WAS SUCH A DISASTER!

OH NO!

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SFX: RAISE!

AHH...

SFX: ROLL, PLOP

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All I get is his snoring

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SFX: ZZZZ

SENSEI!

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SENSEI ...?

UH- UHM...

SFX: ZZZZ

EXCUSE ME..

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SFX: SQUEEZE

SFX: TAP TAP

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MAYBE I SHOULD GO UP TO HIM MYSELF...

BUT I MIGHT GET ZERO POINTS AS A PENALTY IF I LEAVE MY SEAT...

OH NO, THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING. I CAN'T SPEAK UP...

THANK YOU!!

YUGAMI-KUN IS LENDING ME AN ERASER!?

SFX: NOD, HERE

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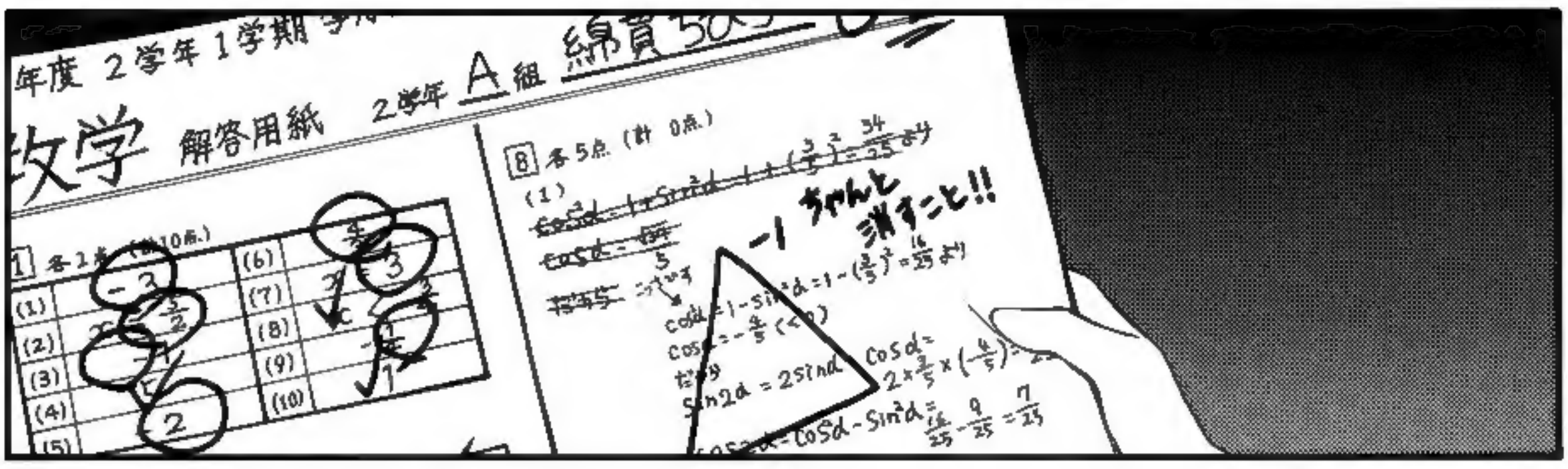
SFX: SCRIBE

SFX: TAP TAP, SCRIBE



NAH, NOT REALLY...
YUGAMI-KUN IS DEFINITELY A WEIRDO.
NOW THAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH THE PAIN, YOU'VE BECOME A BIT MORE CONFIDENT, RIGHT?

THE END

PACING BACK AND FORTH.

NOT OPENING THE ENVELOPE.

YUGAMI-KUN RECEIVING THE LOVE LETTER.

SMIRKING.

STARING AT IT.

SOMEHOW GETTING DEPRESSED.

TRYING TO LOOK THROUGH IT.

GETTING RESTLESS. GO BACK TO PANEL 2.

GOING TO THE LIVING ROOM WITH NO PURPOSE.

Endless cycle.

TAKING IT OUT AGAIN.

PUTTING IT AWAY.

湯神くんには友達がいない②

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